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Montauk | $3,499,999 | Across from the ocean with partial ocean views, featuring 2 en suite master bedrooms, 4 additional bedrooms, 4.5 baths, gourmet kitchen, great room with stone fireplace, exterior stone bar and a patio. Web# H38934. **Elizabeth Audet C 914.494.5921**

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Sag Harbor Village | $3,650,000
Waterfront with a dock, heated Gunite pool, 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, and chef's kitchen. Den/5th bedroom, walk-out lower level, 2-car garage. James Merrill design, solid construction, faces south. Web# H061409. **Monica Reiner C 631.903.3920 | mreiner@elliman.com**

OPEN HOUSE SAT. 3/22 | 12-3PM
221 Mill Road, Unit 7, Westhampton Beach | $274,000
Features 1-bedroom, 1-bath unit in small Co-op complex. The Buoy, on 3.7 acres with lush landscaping, Gunite pool, tennis court and screened-in porch. Web# H31763. **Edward Kurosz C 631.796.6949**

OPEN HOUSE SUN. 3/22 | 2-3:30PM
2 Bettina Court, Hampton Bays $699,000 | Great home on large property with an inground pool, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, living room with fireplace, eat-in kitchen, screened-in porch and a finished basement. Web# H33931. **Anne Marie Francavilla O 631.723.2721**

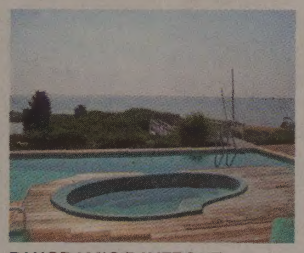
OPEN HOUSE SAT. 3/22 | 11AM-12:30PM | 196 Treescape Drive, Cluster 3, Unit 5B, East Hampton $750,000 | Completely renovated from top to bottom 3-bedroom, 3-bath Condo with 1,700 sf of living space. Architecturally planned and custom built. Web# H27816. **Robert Kohr O 631.267.7375**

OPEN HOUSE SAT. 3/22 12-3PM
SUN. 3/23 12-3PM | 16 Bridle Path, Westhampton Beach | $1,100,000
Nestled on half acre, this home has 7 bedrooms, 4.5 baths and an open floor plan. Enjoy the heated pool, finished basement and garage. Web# H0147512. **Jeanne Lee Landsiedel C 631.678.2454**

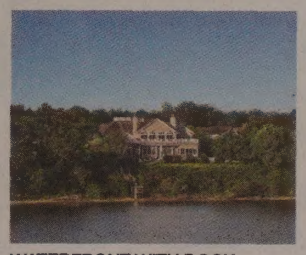
OPEN HOUSE SAT. 3/22 12-4PM
SUN. 3/23 12-4PM | 580 Dune Road, Westhampton | $1,200,000
Enjoy fabulous bayfront sunset views from this 3-bedroom unit all on one level. Includes master suite, tennis, pool, club house and boat slip.. Web# H11849. **Allen Piliero C 631.335.1996**

BRIDGEHAMPTON GEM
Bridgehampton | $1,995,000
Just outside the Village near ocean beaches and shopping, this newly listed home offers everything. The grounds are lush and beautiful. Web# H12218. **Tyler Mattson O 631.267.7372 Brian Buckhout O 631.267.7346**

HARBORFRONT 80 FT DOCK
Sag Harbor | $2,395,000
This is a great opportunity to purchase a home on the water. Great fishing and kayaking, 80 ft dock with 3.5 ft draft. Features 3 bedrooms and 3 baths. Central to everything. Web# H60438. **Catherine Ross C 516.658.3861**



PANORAMIC BAYFRONT
Hampton Bays | $2,490,000 | Idyllic 1.2-acre waterfront offers panoramic views and features 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, a gourmet kitchen, fireplace, 4,500 sf of living space, 2-story guest wing, heated pool and private beach. Web# H19709. **Constance Porto O 631.723.2721**



WATERFRONT WITH DOCK
Bridgehampton | $4,900,000
Waterfront 7,000 sf, 6-bedroom home on 1.35 acres with pool, Jacuzzi and waterwall. Featuring spectacular views with 200 ft frontage on Kellis Pond with dock and 3 fireplaces. Web# H0155997. **Cynthia Barrett O 631.537.6069**

DUNES OCEANFRONT
Amagansett | $7,900,000
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BOATER'S DREAM HOUSE
Hampton Bays | $517,000
Sprawling Ranch on a wonderful street that offers a private beach and marina for the Homeowners Association. Offers 3 bedrooms 2 baths, eat-in kitchen, den, finished basement and a 2-car garage. Web#H34261. **Ann Pallister O 631.723.2721**

VILLAGE CARRIAGE HOUSE
Southampton | $830,000 | This home is flooded with natural light, featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a kitchen and dining area, living room and finished basement. The backyard includes a gorgeous pool and pool house. Web# H47719. **Mohsen Zakour O 631.204.2745**

VILLAGE CLASSIC
Southampton | $995,000 | This 1908 house has 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths and has a property that can become a village compound on .40 of an acre. There is an oversized 1-car garage and room for expansion and a pool/pool house. Web# H44533. **Paula Hathaway O 631.204.2712**

CHARMING HOME
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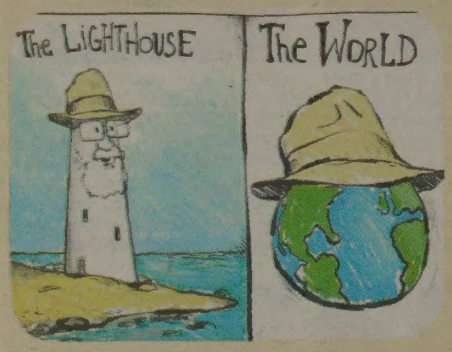

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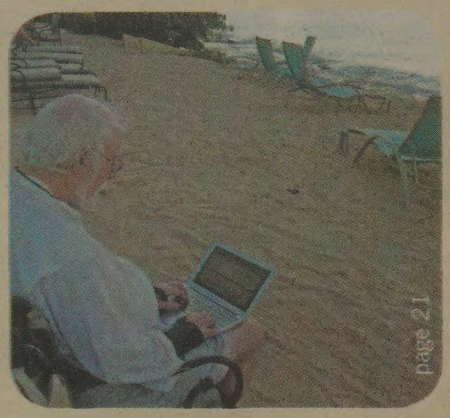

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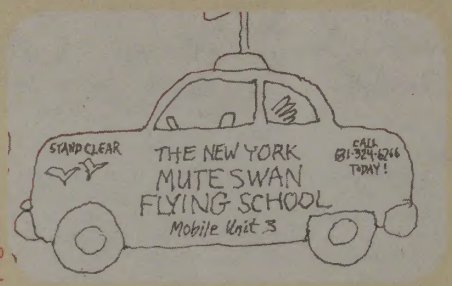

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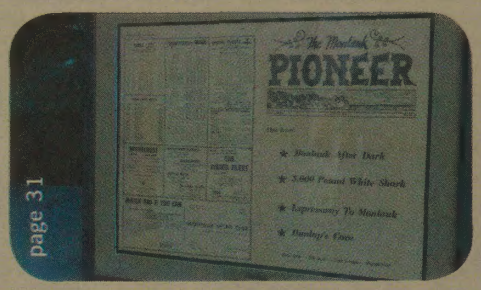

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CATCH 22

A pre–Revolutionary War home in Mecox could be hit by the wrecking ball in the near future. The reason seems to be that those who came to save parts of it got there before somebody else who thought they could save all of it.

The Jeremiah Halsey Jr. house is at 510 Halsey Lane, a cedar shingle home built for the Halseys around 1700. Someone reportedly planned to knock it down to build an 18,000-square-foot mansion, and the scramble began. A nearby farmer thought perhaps she would be able to take the home and move it, but just before that, many interesting and essential objects in the house were removed, with permission, by the Westhampton Beach Historical Society. Additional parts, like bricks and woodwork, have been promised to other people. So what's left may not be savable. Oh well. -- DR

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1. MERCEDES RUEHL
2. TOM WOLFE
3. RON DELSENER

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A. MONTAUK
B. HAMPTON BAYS
3. JAMESPORT
4. PATCHOGUE

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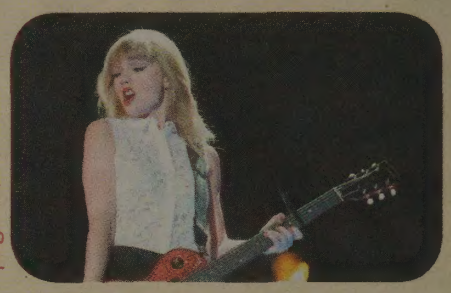
D. TAYLOR SWIFT



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8. HOLIDAYS TO CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

MAR 22: GOOF OFF DAY
MAR 23: NEAR MISS DAY
MAR 24: AGRICULTURE DAY
MAR 25: WAFFLE DAY
MAR 26: MAKE UP YOUR OWN HOLIDAY DAY

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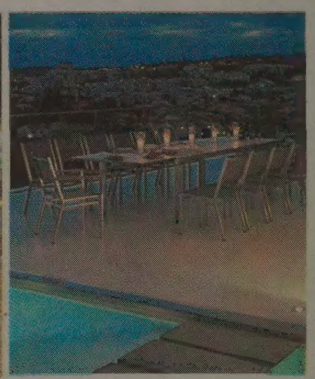

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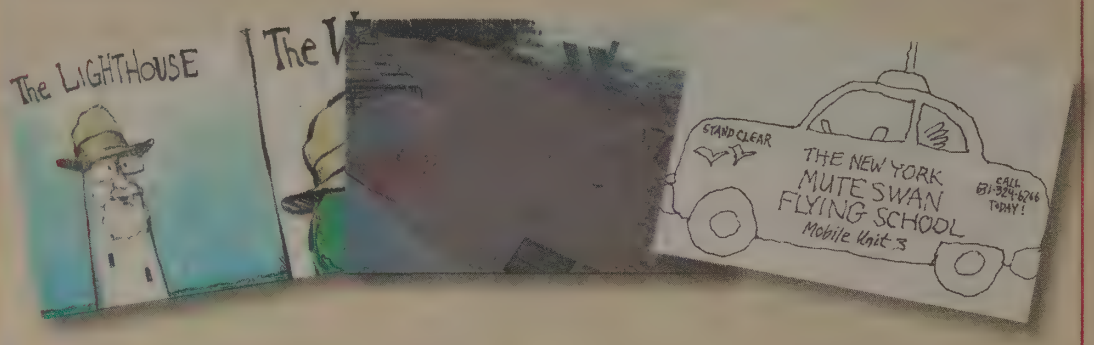

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To All Who Love the East End,

Please join us on **Sunday April 6**, for a cocktail party at Dodds and Eder followed by dinner at the American Hotel in Sag Harbor. Spend an evening with friends, young farmers, parents of school age children, and others who want to keep Josh's dreams and hopes alive. All who attended last year's event would attest that the food was outrageously good and the evening was a wonderful way to celebrate Josh and support some of the things he was passionate about. To learn more about the event and to purchase tickets go to www.joshualevinefoundation.org

Event Details:

5PM - 7PM at Dodds and Eder (music, wine & hors d'oeuvres) • $75
7PM dinner at The American Hotel (also including cocktail party at Dodds and Eder)
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As in previous years all proceeds of the event will go to support the schools on the East End which are part of The Edible School Garden Program. The schools now have a curriculum which integrates what children experience working in the garden with their other subjects. The Edible School Garden programs have been very succesful, and now there are 25 East End schools with gardens and/or greenhouses.
For more information on the foundation and how your support and participation in this wonderful event can benefit the lives of children on the East End of Long Island, go to facebook.com/JoshuaLevineMemorialFoundation.
Some of the comments from families involved in the program are truly inspirational.

This event has been put together with the help and support from Ted Conklin and The American Hotel, Dodds and Eder, Slow Food East End, The Edible School Garden Program and numerous farmers, baymen, merchants and others who will be acknowledged at the event and/or on the website.

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This year there is an amazing list of items that will be auctioned off on the foundation website www.joshualevinefoundation.org, such as foursomes at some of the best golf courses on the East End and dinners at many of our finest restaurants. There will also be a silent auction at the cocktail party at Dodds and Eder. If you cannot attend the cocktail party, make sure you go to the website to bid on the items listed. Also please support the merchants and others who give so much to make this event successful. If you have difficulty accessing the site call Myron Levine at (201) 819-6829.
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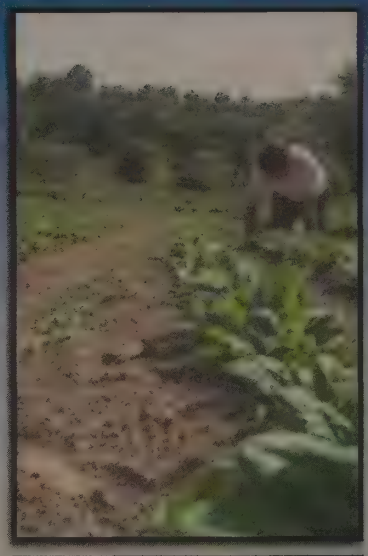

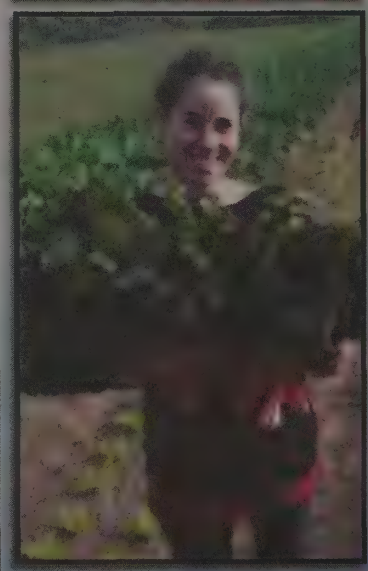

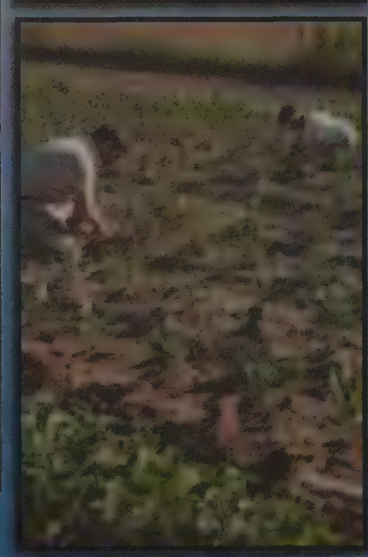

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General Manager and CEO of Gurney's Inn Spa Resort and Conference Center **Paul Monte** serves as Grand Marshal of the 52nd Annual Montauk St. Patrick's Day Parade. He's a very busy man as Gurney's finishes its renovations. (*Read an interview with Monte on page 30.*) Gurney's isn't the only Montauk spot that will have a fresh face come Summer 2014. East by Northeast is redoing its interior and will not be open this weekend, but expect a new menu when they return this spring. *See page 34 in our special Montauk section for a list of restaurants open during THE PARADE on Sunday, March 23!*

For those of you counting down until your summer in Montauk, Salivar's is coming back on April 10, while Navy Beach and everyone's favorite German restuarant, Zum Schneider, promise to re-open in April. The Sloppy Tuna has slotted a May 15 opening date and Red Hook Lobster Pound will again shack up with Sweet 'Tauk lemonade in late May.

Jean Lynch

Our own North Fork maven Jean Lynch is celebrating her Dan's Papers anniversary with the new title of Associate Publisher. Way to go, Jean!

Sag Harborite **Billy Joel** will donate a portion of proceeds from his May 9 Madison Square Garden show to the North Shore Animal League's Bianca's Furry Friends campaign, which is being led by Joel's good friends, Southampton's **Howard Stern** and **Beth Ostrosky Stern**.

The beauty people: Southampton's **Tory Burch** and Montauk's **Cynthia Rowley** have both recently launched new cosmetic lines. Rumor has it that Hampton Sun king **Salvatore Piazzolla**, who's just returned to the East End from Vegas, is working on…a children's book!

Taylor Swift was on the South Fork last week to do some cooking with **Ina Garten**.

Southampton Hospital CEO Robert Chaloner married his longtime partner **Oscar Mandes** in a beautiful ceremony at Christ Episcopal Church in Sag Harbor on Saturday. **Rector Karen Ann Campbell** officiated, while composer and organist **Daniel Koontz** provided the music.

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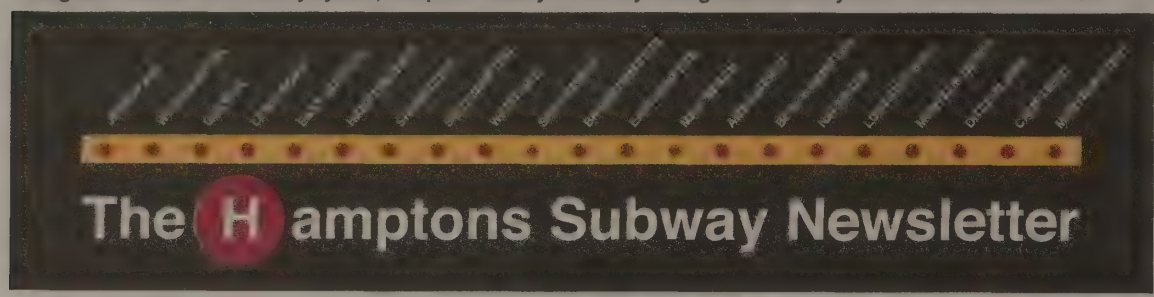

BY DAN RATTINER

Week of March 13–20, 2014
Riders this past week: 9,622
Rider miles this past week: 100,002

DOWN IN THE TUBE

Seen riding the subway system this past week were Mercedes Ruehl heading to Springs from downtown East Hampton, Tom Wolfe on the subway in Southampton coming in from Water Mill, and Ron Delsener riding from Bridgehampton to Sagaponack.

NUCLEAR WEAPONS FINALE

The mystery of the 68 guided missiles discovered in open- sided wooden crates found behind a rusty and locked door in a storeroom in a tunnel halfway between Water Mill and Bridgehampton two weeks ago has been solved. The missiles were put down there by the U.S. Army in 1963 and, soon thereafter, were just forgotten about. They are fully armed, but according to an Army spokesman, the fissionable material has by this time lost its potency, so they are ok.

FIGHT ON THE PLATFORM

A fight broke out on the Southampton platform last Wednesday morning at 11 a.m., which was unfortunate since it happened because of a big Hamptons Subway giveaway.

We've done giveaways before. In this case, we had a trophy company in Maine make up 15,000 clear acrylic paperweights that say HAMPTONS SUBWAY on them and feature, floating in the middle of the plastic, an actual toy metal subway car made in Japan. These valuable five-pound souvenirs were to be given away on every platform to each 100th straphanger passing through the turnstiles, whether he or she liked it or not. Our volunteers were to obey those who didn't want the trophy and pushed it away. They were to then offer the paperweight to the next straphanger who came in behind.

Unfortunately, a middle-aged man and an elderly man got in a fight about the paperweight, the elderly man claiming that the middle-aged man refused it and the middle-age man saying no he did not. In the end, the elderly man bashed the middle-aged man over the head with the paperweight and then ran off with it. Other straphangers followed this man and wrestled him to the ground on the up escalator which, as they struggled, took everyone up to the sidewalk, where the elderly man threw the paperweight at one of his assailants, and it just got worse and worse. Fortunately, nobody got arrested, but the melee did tie things up for the rest of the morning. The middle-aged man was taken to Southampton Hospital by ambulance, treated for a bump on the head and then released.

These things happen sometimes.

HQ NEEDS A SPRUCING UP

Our remarkable Hampton Bays headquarters building, designed and built in the 1930s by Nazi architect Albert Speer as the only example of Third Reich design in America, now needs a sprucing up and refurbishment. But where are the plans? Fortunately, we found them in the Swiss town of Schaffhausen, 32 miles north of Zurich, where the Albert Speer archives were collected at the end of the war. So, happily, we will be able to fully restore this building to exactly how it was supposed to be. Without the swastikas, of course.

COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE

As a result of the melee that broke out on the Southampton platform last Saturday morning, I met with marketing director Edwin Hollandmaker and we have decided that future prizes in subway promotions will not weigh more than a pound. We regret this decision, since it does limit us in what we can give out, but things happen and we just have to take the warranted action.

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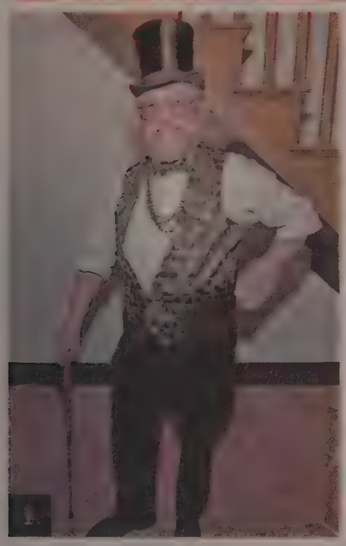
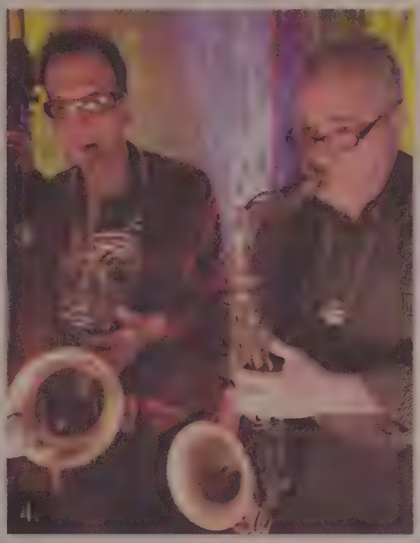
Mardi Gras at Wölffer Estate Vineyard in Sagaponack

The HooDoo Loungers provided New Orleans-style entertainment for the annual Mardi Gras celebration at Wölffer Estate Vineyard on March 15. **Photographs by Daniel Gonzalez**





1. **Pat Sullivan** sporting a fine top hat
2. **Melvin Joshua**, one of the HooDoo Loungers singers
3. **Dawnette Darden** of the HooDoo Loungers
4. HooDoo Loungers **Nick Gianni** and **Brian Sears**
5. Winners for best costume, **Tim Reed,** and best mask, **Helen Gifford,** celebrate their wins

Mr. Amagansett Pageant 2014

On March 13, The Stephen Talkhouse hosted the 5th annual Mr. Amagansett Pageant, a community FUNd-raiser with emphasis on the fun, in memory of Donald T. Sharkey, renowned East Hampton building inspector. The money raised will help people throughout the community with scholarships, medical needs and other worthy causes. **Photographs by Daniel Gonzalez**

East Hampton Deputy Supervisor **Peter Van Scoyoc**, a.k.a. Billy Buckhorn, singing a buck's lament, "Just Shoot Me"

The Mr. Amagansett judges, **Britton Bistrian, Beth Baldwin, Debbie DiSunno, Erica Yardley** and **Maura Gledhill**

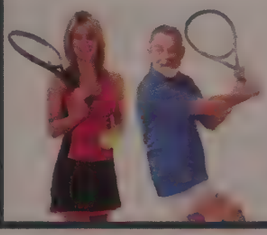
And the winner is... **Peter Van Scoyoc**

Contestant **Gordon Ryan** playing his banjo and singing a modified version of "This Land Is Your Land" to honor Don Sharkey

Montauk Brewing Company Tasting and Art Show

On Saturday, Montauk Brewing Company combined a celebration of its new Montauk Driftwood Ale with a "Rise 'n' Shine" art show. **Photographs by Richard Lewin**

1. MBC co-owners **Joe Sullivan** and **Vaughan Cutillo**
2. Artist **Lorraine Salvato**
3. **Brooks Walker** and **Charlie Harrington**



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GONE FOR A HOP

Australian multi-billionaire investor Simon Grainger contacted police last week to report the mysterious disappearance of his entire stock of kangaroos. Grainger reported that he had imported the mob of marsupials from Down Under to graze on the 35-acre field he owns abutting his Sagaponack estate in order to save on landscapers, and that he had also wanted his children to get a taste of the Australian experience by seeing the kangaroos hopping around. "Around here, all they see is deer," explained Grainger in his thick Aussie accent. "I wanted them to get a taste of the Outback!" Police couldn't determine with certainty what had become of the kangaroos, but theorized that this winter's cold and snow, and the resulting paucity of grass to feed on, may have forced the kangaroos to migrate. They issued an all-points bulletin for a hopping herd heading south.

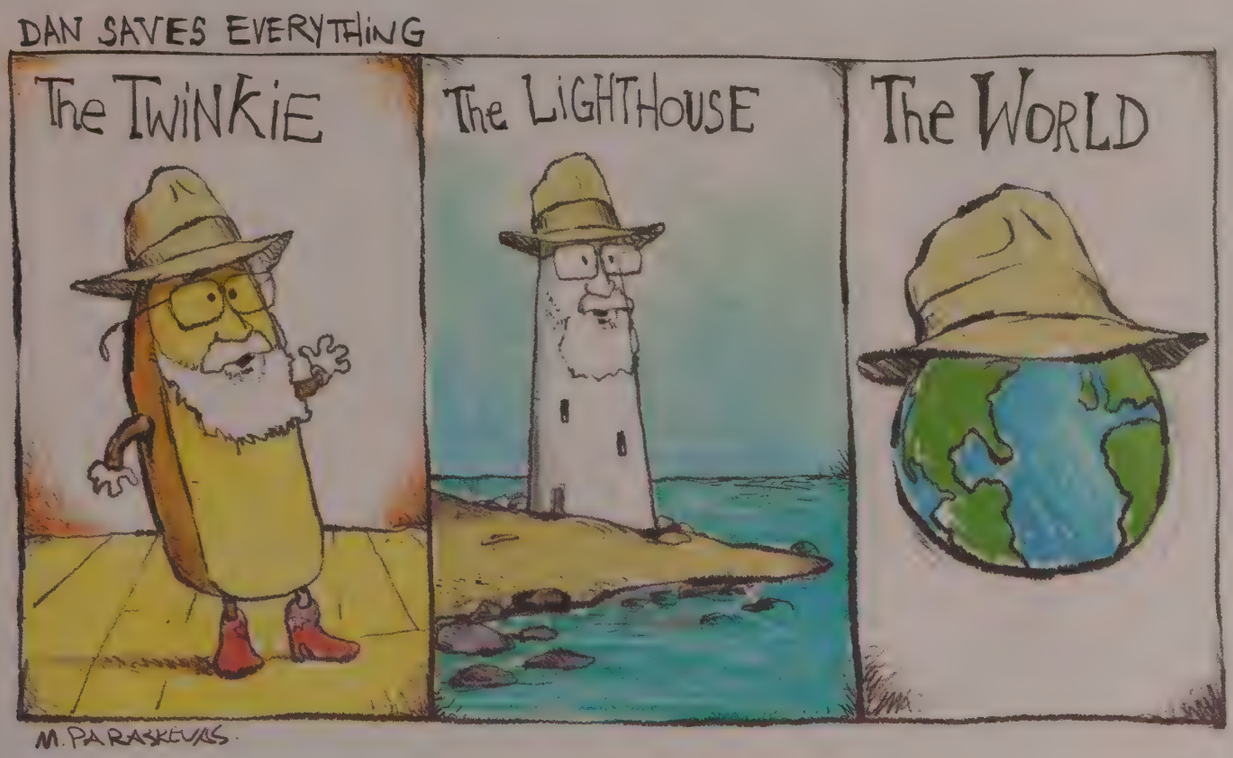
TICKS ARE REVOLTING

The news that Suffolk County had passed a resolution to set up a tick control advisory committee met with defiance and outrage from members of the prominent local tick defense group Ticks In Crisis (TIC), who picketed a local county legislator's office Thursday afternoon. Herman Blutsaug, a spokesman for TIC, delivered a rebuke through a bullhorn: "Who says it's the ticks that are the problem? They just want the freedom to live and reproduce in peace. It's us humans, with our rampant development and destruction of tick habitats, who need to be controlled!" Blutsaug accompanied his remarks with a written manifesto in which he called for the criminalization of the "destruction of tick habitats," including jail time for killing a deer with a car. Blutsaug's remarks riled the crowd so much that police were forced to break it up.

GOT HIS GOATS

Long-suffering residents of Shelter Island have reason to be hopeful after local conservationists revealed a plan to use goats to eradicate invasive plant species in Bridgehampton. For years, they've dealt with Old Man McGumbus's unruly herd of goats that roam freely across the island—a loophole in the law absolves McGumbus from any responsibility for damage to property—and now they see a solution. A group of concerned citizens has banded together to demand that if goats are to be employed in the eradication of invasive plant species, it only makes sense that the goats should be sourced from McGumbus's herd. The 104-year-old McGumbus, a WWII-era minesweeping expert, has always maintained that his goats are acting as living landmine detectors (he's suspected of occasionally detonating one to lend verisimilitude to his story), and he has acted aggressively to prevent any of his goats from being removed. Legal action is pending.

Read more Hamptons Police Blotter at DansPapers.com.



The Montauk Lighthouse and Me

Discoveries, Misadventures, Rallies, Demos and Fun at the Lighthouse

BY DAN RATTINER

When I was just finishing high school in New Jersey, my dad bought White's Montauk Pharmacy, a store "at the end of nowhere" as my New Jersey friends told me. But I went with the family.

When dad took us out to the Montauk Lighthouse, I was struck by how beautiful it was. It was also, because the drive out ends in a loop road, a surprise presentation. You'd head around the loop with the woods on both sides, and, suddenly, the lighthouse would appear. Then, as you completed the loop, it withdrew again into the woods.

One day, standing in front of my dad's store, a car full of tourists pulled up and the driver asked me which way was it to the lighthouse. I told them. Six miles that way, straight out of town. Twenty minutes later, this same car pulled up and the driver asked, how much farther is it? They'd gone out there, come around the loop and come all the way back without noticing it.

Hmm. I published the account of this in this weekly newspaper I had founded that year, and the story became the talk of the town.

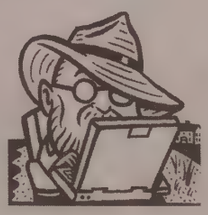
Seven years later, in 1967, fishing around in my mind for a story for the next issue of the paper, I decided to write about the erosion tearing away at the cliff in front of the lighthouse. Line drawings made of it around 1800 show a huge promontory of land protecting the lighthouse from the sea. Knowing the height of the lighthouse as 110 feet, I did some measurements. The Light had been 300 feet from the edge when it was built. I also recalled a news item from the year before that said the Light was now 68 feet from the cliff's edge, whereas the year before that it had been 72 feet. That meant the lighthouse would fall into the sea about 1988. What was the Coast Guard doing about it?

I called the Coast Guard at the lighthouse. They had a crew living out there then. An ensign told me it didn't matter how many feet it was, because earlier in the year the Coast Guard had issued an order to abandon it. They were now surveying to build a steel tower about 300 yards back from the point. It would have a blinking light at the top operated by remote control. That would work just as well.

I made further phone calls and learned the lighthouse, once abandoned, would be declared surplus property and sold if anyone wanted it. If nobody did—and they predicted nobody would—it would be dynamited down.

I was horrified.

I also learned, by *(Cont'd on next page)*



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Me *(Cont'd from previous page)*

calling the Coast Guard at their headquarters on Governor's Island in New York, that they were on a tight budget and were abandoning lighthouses up and down the coast. They also mailed me a copy of the admiral's order for Montauk. (This was not only before the internet, it was before FedEx and UPS and even before fax. And, of course, it was before Google. You couldn't just learn what you wanted to know by Googling. It took days of reading in libraries.)

In the East Hampton Free Library, I learned the name of the lighthouse architect, where the stones came from (Maine), and that the contractor was a Frenchman named Ezra L'Homedeiu. Then I learned something astonishing. The lighthouse was ordered built by George Washington in 1792. It might have been the first lighthouse built in America. I couldn't prove this, but the dates worked, it would take a huge effort to prove it otherwise, and I did not have the luxury to do that.

What I did also learn, at this time, was that I had an important fact wrong in an article about the shipwreck of the schooner *John Milton*, which had come ashore in Amagansett in 1858 with great loss of life.

The Montauk Lighthouse gave off certain pattern flashes. And until 1858 it was the only lighthouse on the East End of Long Island. But that year, a second lighthouse—the Shinnecock Bay Lighthouse—had been built, and that second one was assigned the Montauk flash pattern while that at Montauk had changed. The captain of the *John Milton* therefore saw what he believed was the Montauk Light, came around the point, or so he thought, and crashed full speed into Amagansett. I had assumed, and many people assumed at that time, that this newer lighthouse was the Fire Island Light. There was no other, we thought.

But in my office shortly after learning what the Coast Guard had in store for the Montauk Lighthouse, a friend told me that he'd seen a photograph of a Hampton Bays lighthouse in a barbershop where he had his hair cut. It was in the middle of being dynamited. The top half had broken off and was at a 30-degree angle. There was a puff of smoke where the dynamite was exploding halfway up. It was in the act.

My friend knew I was going to call for a Save the Montauk Lighthouse protest in the paper. He could borrow this photo. I could reproduce it on the front page with my article.

A lighthouse at Shinnecock? I read up on that at the library. It was dynamited in 1948. It had been built in 1858, the year the *John Milton* came ashore. My article about the shipwreck was wrong. It was the Shinnecock Light, not the Fire Island Light.

And so, on August 31, 1967, crowds of people in Montauk came to a great protest at the Lighthouse to save it. Assembly leader Perry B. Duryea spoke. A band featured majorettes twirling flaming batons. There were fire engines, Scottish bagpipers and a crowd estimated at 3,000, a number never equaled at a protest in Montauk since. Everyone came carrying lanterns, flashlights, candles, torches and sparklers. After the protest, for more than a year, a woman named Georgina Reid from Mount Sinai came out every Sunday with volunteers to plant grassed terracing on the cliff face. And in the end, the Coast Guard relented and rescinded their order. Now they would lead the fight to restore it.

Ten years later, in 1977, I bought a house in East Hampton next to a small fishing camp on Three Mile Harbor Road owned by a man named Miller. One day, I met him while both of us were mowing our lawns. He was John Miller, he said, and he worked for GE in Syracuse and came down to his fishing camp in East Hampton for a month each summer. "I was born and raised in the Montauk Lighthouse," he told me. "My dad was the lighthouse keeper."

"Must have been pretty lonely there," I said.

"Yup," he said. "I like solitude."

And he excused himself and went back to mowing. I haven't spoken to him since.

Around 1990, the Coast Guard leased the lighthouse to the Montauk Historical Society. The Coast Guard would shine the light. But other than that, the lighthouse was Montauk's. In the summer, the Historical Society offers tours of the lighthouse, and they even have a Lighthouse Weekend there. And at Christmas they have a display of lights.

From the Historical Society, I learned that the Montauk Light was not the first in America. It was the fourth. The first is in Massachusetts.

After that came Google. And if you want to know more, you know where to go.

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Dan Rattiner

Forty-foot-tall boulders on the beach at Virgin Gorda

Slowing Down

Go South in the Winter to Clear Your Head & Stop Thinking of the Little Stuff

BY DAN RATTINER

I have fled the Hamptons and am in the Caribbean for 10 days. There's little to do here on the island of Virgin Gorda. We have books to read, meals to eat, lagoons to swim and snorkel in, beds to sleep in. We awaken to the sound of roosters crowing from the backyards of the small homes in the nearby village of Spanish Town. A soft breeze flutters the palm trees. Occasionally, a tropical rainstorm whooshes through. It lasts 10 minutes, sending a downpour of water onto the property, after which the flowers and leaves sparkle in the sunshine for a while. It's amazing how one's mind is cleared of the effluvia and worry of things back home while enjoying all of this.

My wife brought an iPad with her, which she stowed for the first few days. I brought my laptop so I can write my usual bag of articles for the newspaper even while away. I spend an hour a day doing that. I like it. And then I'll turn on the WiFi and ship the story silently back home.

On the seventh day my wife discovered she could get podcasts and streaming content from WNYC, the New York City public radio station. Here she was, that morning, sitting at the table out on the deck under the trees, listening to a political correspondent talk about an upcoming election in a small voting district in Florida, where the Republicans and Democrats are spending tens of millions of dollars to win a seat that is up for grabs in the House of Representatives.

"It really doesn't matter, because there is no way the Republicans are going to lose control of the House in this election anyway, but the important thing is how the politicians consider that the outcome of this vote is a good marker for the future when it comes to how Obamacare is perceived by the general public."

And I thought, yes, maybe we should make a small donation and then call some rich friends we know and try to do something about this. Sound the alarm. Try to win that seat for the Democrats. We can't let the Republicans wrest more seats away. The House could get completely out of hand.

And then I thought, Why the hell am I thinking this? Why the hell do I want to worry about every little thing that gets put in front of me? As for my wife, after this, she took out her cell phone—which she had stowed away and not used (because we are on vacation) except to once a day call the kids—and proceeded to call the company that is servicing the broken dishwasher (which they tried and failed to fix three weeks ago), for which now, she was told, they had sent a bill for a second visit, leaving it on the counter, even though this second visit did not result in the fixing of the dishwasher either.

They had been sent the wrong part, they told her. And they didn't know that until they tried to put it in. So we have to pay again for a second service call.

There are facts. There is the important stuff. What is happening in the Ukraine, what is happening in the South China Sea.

Damn these dishwasher repair people.

Last evening, just before sunset, we ate dinner at a restaurant that overlooked the ocean, but off to the side next door we also enjoyed watching a game of volleyball being played on a dirt field by several local families. There were dogs running around, children as young as eight playing on both teams, lots of cheering and clapping and whooping it up, strong young men and women at the net, several grandmothers—one of whom got high-fived after a great save—and, as near as I could see, more people on one team than on the other. The dust flew as people dove for the ball.

My conclusion about all this is as follows.

There are a variety of things that happen in the world.

There are facts. There is the important stuff. What is happening in the Ukraine, what is happening in the South China Sea, where a plane may have gone down. These are important to worry about.

There is recreation. *(Cont'd on next page)*

Vacation *(Cont'd from previous page)*

Running, swimming, playing tennis, doing triathlons.

There are important things we have to decide and experts who can give us information to help us make those decisions.

There is family. Prizes won by children. Birthdays. Mothers and fathers. Grandparents and crazy uncles. Giving help to those in trouble.

There are sorrows. Sickness, accidents, death.

There is entertainment—comedians, singers, dancers, Broadway shows to see, radio plays, books and other amusements.

There is nature to enjoy—beautiful forests and beaches, birds and fishes, cliffs and sunsets and full moons.

There is just plain fun—telling jokes, playing tricks on people, watching the Super Bowl, dancing, jumping rope, being crazy.

There is love. Hot crazy love. Long beautiful love that is shared for a lifetime.

And there is prayer, and hope and worship.

And then there are these damned idiots of no particular consequence who tell you that you should now worry about an inconsequential election that has yet to take place, in a tiny district far away, and what might happen if one side or the other wins or loses.

And then there are these goddamned dishwasher repairmen. And people who over and over again send out the wrong part.

Many years ago, one February, my wife and I spent six weeks in Asia, enjoying the fascinating cultures of Japan and China. We came back home into a blizzard. A friend picked us up at JFK around midnight and drove us to the large oceanfront house at an isolated section of Sagaponack beach we had rented that winter. Our friend helped us carry in luggage, then drove off. And then, after he left, we discovered the electricity was out.

Dan Rattiner

The beach is always the perfect place to write.

In spite of this, we decided to stay. There was a way we could get through the night. We had a master bedroom with a heavy wooden door, a stone fireplace, and lots and lots of wood. I could build a fire and I did. Cozy and warm, we climbed into bed and fell asleep. But, in the middle of the night, I found myself too excited to sleep further.

Alongside the bed was a big tote box filled with the mail that had accumulated while we were away. With nothing better to do there in the bedroom, I carried this box over to the floor alongside a club chair and began to go through it. I found myself sorting the mail into two distinct piles. One pile was for the real mail, the letters and bills and checks being sent me that would have to be dealt with in the next few days. I read one letter from a man in Manhattan who wanted to buy Dan's Papers. There was another letter from a man I had met in Hong Kong, offering to sell me the English-language weekly newspaper he ran there. Wow. I could change my life. Well, I'll think about this later.

The other pile, the same size, was all the junk mail that had been delivered—the catalogues and brochures and requests and advertising pieces, all of which were intended to get me to part with funds for things I heretofore had not considered. It was amazing. There was the important stuff. And there was the stupid stuff.

When I finished sorting the mail, I looked over and saw that the fire was going down again, and so I scooped up the junk mail from the floor, walked it across the bedroom to the fireplace and threw it in.

Then I walked back to the chair I had been sitting in and looked down again at the other pile of mail. It was the stupid stuff, the junk mail, still there.

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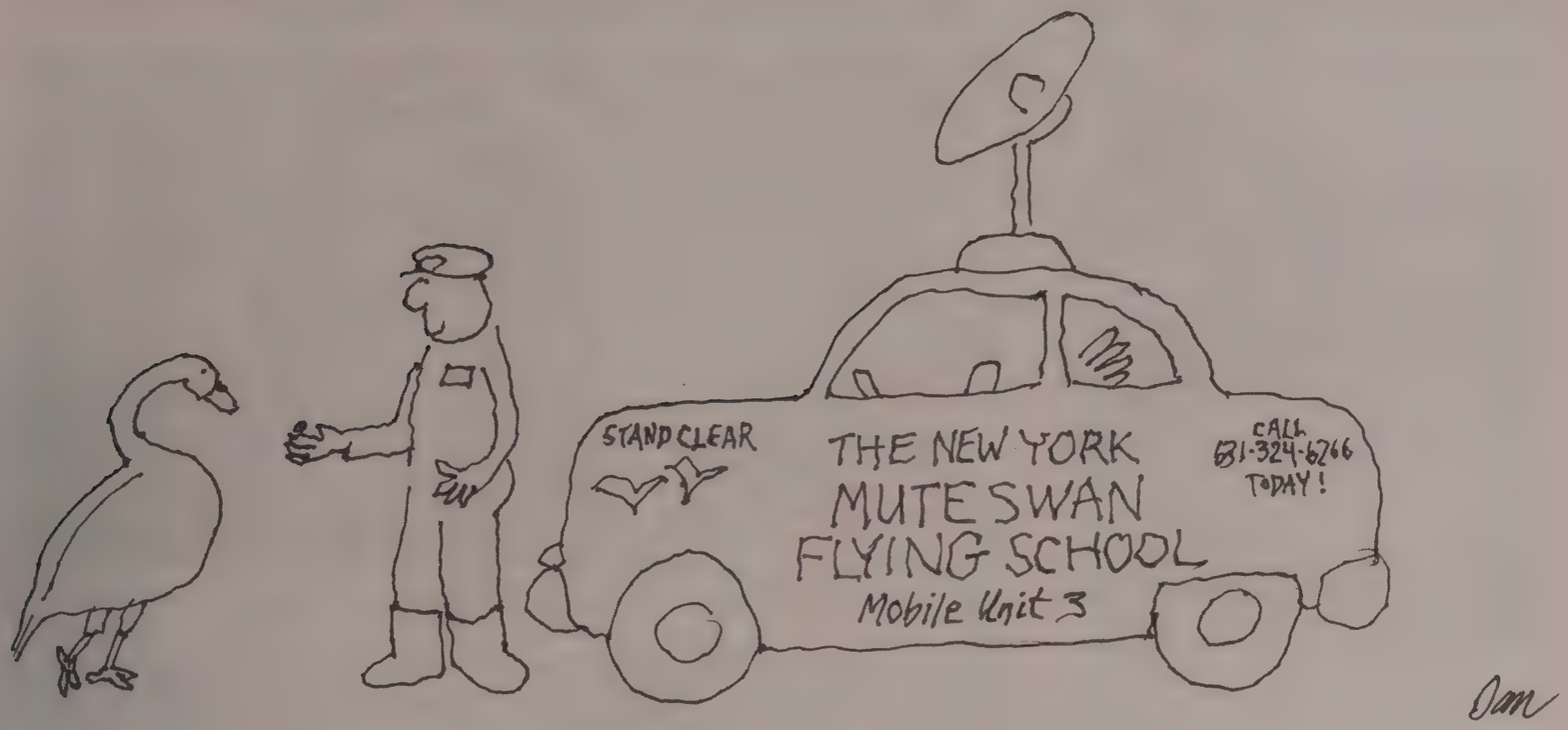

Learn to Fly

An Interview with the Head of the New York Mute Swan Flying School

BY DAN RATTINER

News Item: The New York State DEC has announced it intends to kill all mute swans in the State of New York by 2025. The mute swans are an invasive species. They take over ponds and lakes and prevent native species from settling at them.

I was driving down Main Street in East Hampton the other day when I saw ahead of me a small white car with writing on the side parked next to Town Pond, and a man in a white uniform trying to entice the two white swans that live in that pond to come over and take a tasty treat he had in his hand. A number of canvasback ducks were in the pond, watching the proceedings.

Curious, I drove over and parked behind the white car, got out and started to walk over.

"Stop right there," the man whispered. I stopped. "You'll break the spell. I think I've got him."

One swan had waddled over and was looking at the treat, but wasn't getting too close. He moved his head from side to side.

"Easy now, big fellow," the man said. Then he made a chirping noise. *Hi. Hi. Hi.* "They can hear," he said to me. "Just because they are mute doesn't mean they can't hear."

With that, the swan broke off the encounter. He turned around and waddled back into the pond, turning when he got in to sit down and float side-by-side with the female that was there.

"Now look what you've done," the man said to me, glowering.

I had a close look at the side of the white car. The wording on the side read NY MUTE SWAN FLYING SCHOOL.

"How long have you been doing this?" I asked.

"About a week."

"Any luck?"

"Not yet. First I've got to gain their trust. And that takes patience."

"How long have you been down here today?"

"About an hour. Wait and you'll see. He'll be back. That's what he does—he comes up and sniffs around, then goes back. Then he comes out again."

"And you're teaching the swans to fly?"

"You betcha. This is going to be a big business. That's why I named it the New York Mute Swan Flying School instead of, say, the East End Swan Flying School. There's mute swans everywhere in the state, many flocked up there in the north along the shores of Lake Ontario. I want everyone in the state to hire the New York Mute Swan Flying School."

"I see in smaller letters under the name of the school, it says 'Mobile Unit 2.'"

"On the other door it says 'Mobile Unit 3.'"

"Is there a Mobile Unit 1?"

"No. Just this one car, '2' and '3.' I'm trying to give the impression we're a large organization already."

"I think people who love the swans might be willing to take you on."

"That's the hope."

"How are you going to teach them to fly, once you gain their trust?"

"I run along side them. I have a set of snowy white wings in the backseat. I strap them on. I run along with them besides me and I flap, and I say *hi, hi, hi.*"

"You've tried this?"

"Indeed I have, though not with swans, with turkeys. I've gotten pretty good at it. I give them treats, they see me coming and come over for them, I get them to run alongside and then I flap my wings and say *hi, hi, hi* and off they go. It's quite something to see. Ever see a turkey fly?"

"No. But I've heard they can do it if they really want to."

"Turkeys have 4-foot wingspans. They weigh about 30 pounds. It's really hard, but they can do it. These swans are about the same, and they have 6-foot wingspans. Ever see the swans when they spread their wings?"

"Can't say that I have."

"They spread them to air them out, get the bugs out. They'll do it on windy days. They'll stand on the shore there on their big webbed feet and just spread out their wings like that. All the bugs, all the dust, everything gets whisked out and they get all clean. They hold the pose for 20 seconds or more."

"Wow."

"Who are you anyway? Live around here?"

I told him my name, and that I was thinking of doing an article on his service, and he told me that would be great. He held out his hand.

"Fred Millerstone," he said. We shook hands.

"I live on Three Mile Harbor Road," I said, "and we have swans up there, in the harbor."

"Didn't know they had swans up there," he said. "Want me to come up there and help them fly off? This rule they just passed, we've got to do something."

"How much do you charge?"

"It's $30 an hour. And *(Cont'd on page 28)*

Bill Seeking Medal of Honor for Jordan Haerter Announced

BY OLIVER PETERSON

Congressman Tim Bishop announced on Sunday that he introduced legislation on Thursday, March 13, to request that fallen Sag Harbor Marine Lance Corporal Jordan Haerter be awarded a posthumous Congressional Medal of Honor. The bill follows a grassroots effort and petition asking that Haerter and Marine Corporal Jonathan Yale (of Burkeville, Virginia) receive the U.S. Military's highest honor for their heroics and ultimate sacrifice to save fellow soldiers and Iraqi police while defending a checkpoint in Ramadi from a suicide bomber in 2008. Both men have already received the Navy Cross, the military's second highest honor for valor.

Flanked on either side by Haerter's parents, Christian Haerter and JoAnn Lyles, and Assemblyman Fred Thiele at the Sag Harbor American Legion's Chelberg-Battle post, Bishop said that Haerter and Yale are "richly deserving" of the Navy Cross, but he and other supporters of the bill want the young Marines to receive every possible consideration for the Medal of Honor. "This legislation will begin that process," Bishop explained, noting that, if all goes well, the bill would be reviewed by the House Arms Services Committee, followed by the Pentagon and then finally by President Obama.

Speaking to the assorted community members, including American Legion members, Cub Scouts, local politicians, press and veterans, the Congressman acknowledged that the bill's outcome is uncertain, but it ensures a fair review for recognition of Haerter and Yale's "incredible, incredible acts of selflessness and heroism." Yale's representative, Robert Hurt of Virginia, cosponsored the legislation.

Just 19 years old on April 22, 2008, Haerter made a split-second decision to sacrifice his own safety—and life, ultimately—in order to save the lives of dozens of others. As a suicide bomber with a truck full of explosives sped toward his position, and the Iraqis around him fled, Haerter (and Yale) opened fire, killing the driver and stopping his truck from exploding inside Joint Security Station Nasser, where many more would have been killed. Unfortunately, in doing this, the truck detonated just short of Haerter and Yale, and they were unable to escape the blast.

O. Peterson

Christian Haerter is hopeful his son Jordan will receive a posthumous Medal of Honor.

"In Sag Harbor, we all knew Jordan Haerter, and in our hearts he's already won the Congressional Medal of Honor," Thiele said following Bishop's remarks. "There's no doubt in my mind that Jordan is deserving of the Medal of Honor," he said, then, to Haerter's parents, added, "People haven't forgotten your son and what he did for this country."

After some words of thanks from Christian Haerter, who recognized supportive local veterans, Bishop thanked Haerter and Lyles for "raising an extraordinary young man."

Along with the Navy Cross, both Haerter and Yale were also awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Iraqi Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. In addition, Haerter was posthumously awarded a Southampton Town Police Department badge, a Sag Harbor Police Department Gold badge, and the Suffolk County Medal for Distinguished Military Service.

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Cover Artist Andrea Kowch Is Pure Magic

BY STACY DERMONT

It's difficult to believe that artist Andrea Kowch is still in her 20s. Her paintings reverberate with the primal energy of American masters Edward Hopper and Andrew Wyeth and astonish with their unique, mythic beauty. Kowch's body of work to date is a remarkably large one, encompassing many paintings and drawings. What's not surprising about this high-art wunderkind is the wealth of awards and accolades that she has received.

Atop the list is a National Visual Arts Award that Kowch was granted from the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (now the National YoungArts Foundation) in 2005, an honor that ranks recipients in the top 2% of American talent.

Kowch is one of a select group of artists shown at the Richard J. Demato Fine Arts Gallery in Sag Harbor and she is represented exclusively by Demato. Kowch's *Dan's Papers* cover painting, "Light Keepers," is currently on view at the gallery and, though the original sold some time ago, prints of the work will soon be available for purchase. Kowch will likely show another of her works at the gallery's late May exhibition, "Transcendental Feminine Fantasy." Kowch will certainly be showcased at ArtHamptons in July—where her work has consistently sold out.

Demato discovered Kowch about four years ago through an image of her work "No Turning Back," which was printed in *Spectrum #16: The Best in Contemporary Fantastic Art*, an annual publication that chooses artists via juried selection. The painting featured a lone woman standing in a burning field of grain, with a derelict mansion in the background.

Demato says, "My birthday is on the 16th, and I've always found success via numerical association. She was teaching art at a local school in Michigan, and we recognized powerful raw talent and unique point of view. Her American Magic Realism and strong figurative perspective was exactly what we were seeking as our focus. We subsequently offered to enable her to paint full time, to pursue her passion. We all enjoy that for Andrea Kowch, and for us at the gallery, there is 'No Turning Back!'"

Kowch has now joined the pantheon of top artists who have been featured on the cover of *Dan's*. These include Chuck Close, Gahan Wilson and Peter Max, among others. Kowch's reaction to her acrylic painting "Light Keepers" being featured on *Dan's Papers* special Montauk issue was, "I wasn't expecting it, it's a wonderful surprise. I'm very excited and honored."

Kowch has taken in the natural environment of the East End during her visits here. She's toured Montauk and elements of Long Island landscape appear in some of her work. "Light Keepers," however, is based on Kowch's memories of Michigan summer nights "up North." It's her first large-scale (60" x 72") night scene and is an attempt to capture the "eery magic" of that part of Michigan after dark.

The basic concept of this painting was "put on the back burner" for about a year as she completed other projects. Once started, it took her three months to complete the work.

The seated figure in the foreground of "Light Keepers" is Kowch's good friend, first model and the one with whom she most often works.

Courtesy Andrea Kowch

Artist Andrea Kowch in her native Michigan

The two grew up together in Michigan. Kowch's models visit her studio, where she dresses them, poses them and takes many photographs for each composition. She has painted animal friends too, including her pet Lhasa Apso and birds.

Kowch says that her "theme and style started in my last year of college, that's when I found a niche, my personal path, vision." She graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BFA from Detroit's College for Creative Studies in 2009.

In "Light Keepers," as in many of Kowch's works, thin, striking women are depicted interacting with nature. These "light keepers" wear a wide range of white garments from various eras. Though there's a timelessness about their dress, the Mason jars they employ to gather fireflies are of the "Golden Harvest" modern design, but tinted blue, harkening to an earlier age.

There's a preponderance of redheads in Kowch's work. The color is striking and may bring to mind Wyeth or the Pre-Raphaelites, or—at this time of year—they may appear Irish. Kowch says, "The redheads just kind of evolved as a compositional element. I gravitate toward earthy, monochromatic tones, [and this] always needs a little pop of color. [It complements] my love of painting pale, luminous skin."

Kowch began painting seriously at age 12 and "was always that kid who would be doing drawings, illustrating." She is a big fan of "a good story." Among other influences, fairy tales, the illustrations of Arthur Rackham and Maxfield Parrish's work informed her childhood studies.

Kowch's unique vision offers balance in an intricate, perhaps even crowded, cosmology. It's at once complicated and simple, like caring for a baby. When Kowch was asked how she would paint a child's nursery, she said, "Something light, airy and happy."

Read more of Stacy's interview with Andrea Kowch and see additional images of Kowch's work at DansPapers.com.

More of Andrea Kowch's work may be viewed at andreakowch.com and in person at the Richard J. Demato Fine Arts Gallery, 90 Main Street, Sag Harbor, 631-725-1161, rjdgallery.com

Andrea Kowch's "Light Keepers" is now on view in Sag Harbor in all its ethereal glory.

It's St. Patrick's Day Again in Hampton Bays

BY KELLY LAFFEY

Look closely at Main Street, Hampton Bays, at any point during the year, and you'll notice a green line painted in between the double yellow. Like many Long Island towns, Hampton Bays hosts an annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. But the 2014 version, on Saturday, March 22, promises to be a bit more special than those in years past. The Hampton Bays Parade celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. And marching prominently among the sea of green will be a meaningful selection for Grand Marshal—the men and women of the armed forces.

Having the parade celebrate 10 years "shows that the community supports what we do," says John Ryan, chief organizer for the event. "It's not just about the Irish, it's about the community." The parade is put on annually by the Ancient Order of the Hibernians, Michael Collins Division 11. It kicks off at 11 a.m. at the Hampton Bays Elementary School on Ponquogue Avenue, goes down Montauk Highway and turns west to the reviewing stand, ending in the Hampton Atrium parking lot.

Leading the pack of floats and bands will be local, active duty military members. "They should be honored, because our freedoms and rights are because of what they do," says Ryan. "Our ability to participate [in the parade] is because of what they do." Marching in the parade will be a representative of the Marine Corps, a number of Army generals, a coastguardsman and an airman. "We haven't been able to get a Navy guy," Ryan laments. (If anyone from the Navy would like to participate, they're invited to contact the Ancient Order of the Hibernians at info@aohdivision11.org.) But, he adds with pride, "Some [of the invited marchers] just came back from Afghanistan."

The 2014 version, on Saturday, March 22, celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Hampton Bays St. Paddy's Day Parade.

Parade revelers can expect a "diverse group of characters," Ryan says. In addition to the requisite pipe bands, which come from all over the Island, and fire departments, the parade will feature Shinnecock tribal dancers, a host of kids groups and local merchants and businesses. "We treat our parade like home," Ryan says. "It's a very family-oriented parade." Ryan boasts that the parade has received nothing but compliments from the community, and in the past nine years, there has been "not one bad thing."

Photos by Alex Goetzfried

FDNY EMS Pipes and Drums (top) and miniature horses march.

With over 50 organizations, the parade is expected to last an hour and a half. For those who prefer to watch while raising a pint, Buckley's on Montauk Highway will again set up an outdoor bar in its parking lot.

Punctuating the feeling that Hampton Bays' parade prides itself on being community-friendly, Ryan adds that he "really appreciates the extra effort put in by the Southampton Town Police, Parks and Recreation Department, Highway Department and the Town Board for approving the parade."

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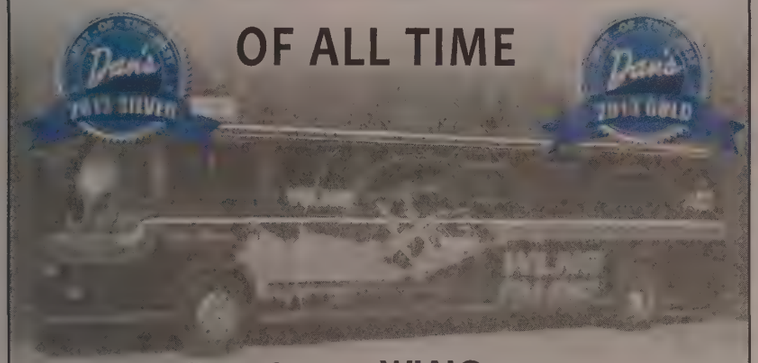

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that includes the mobile unit. I haven't got any of them to fly just yet, but these two here, I think, are pretty close. I'll get them to fly soon. Figure another four or five hours."

"How many hours has it been so far?"

"I've put in 10 hours."

"You've been hired to do this?"

"Oh yes. The village is paying for this service. And later today I'm inking a contract with the Nature Conservancy for some swans up on Bull Path, and the Long Pond Nature Conservancy was here yesterday and they are interested. We've got to get these swans able to get the hell out of the state when the time comes."

"Do you give a discount for a private individual?" I asked.

At that moment, the male swan stood up in the shallow water, waddled out, and up the lawn to Fred, focused one beady red eye on Fred's hand...

"No, the teaching is the same either way. A lesson is a lesson, and a swan is a swan. Put down a deposit, I'm looking for three hours, $90. Patience, as I told you. It's a virtue in the swan world. Us swan people all know that."

At that moment, the male swan stood up in the shallow water, waddled out, and up the lawn to Fred, tilted his head a bit, focused one beady red eye on Fred's hand, and gave his head a sort of shiver. It was quite dramatic. He was just two feet away.

"*Hi, hi, hi,*" Fred said. He held out his right hand, which still held the treat in it. "*Hi, hi, hi.*"

The swan nodded approvingly, and came closer. Now he was just a foot away.

"Be very quiet," Fred whispered. "Quiet. Don't move."

I held perfectly still.

And at that moment, 100 yards away and about 100 feet up, we saw two large white birds come gliding in over the trees, circle around the pond and settled themselves down into the water at the far end. They were identical to the two mute swans we were watching.

I looked at Fred. "Yours?" I asked.

He didn't answer.

Then, finally he spoke.

"Here, let me give you my card," he said.

And as the male swan just stood there a few feet away, he fished into his pocket with his left hand, came up with one, and held it out to me.

As he did, the male swan, in a lightning-fast move, shot his neck and head to the left, snatched up the card in his beak, walked back down into the water and settled down next to his mate.

Then he ate it.

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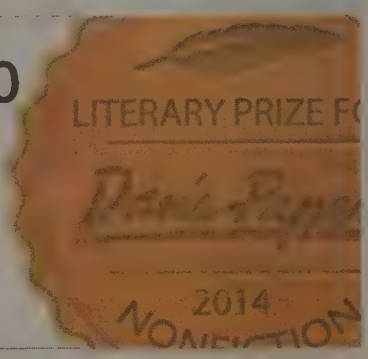

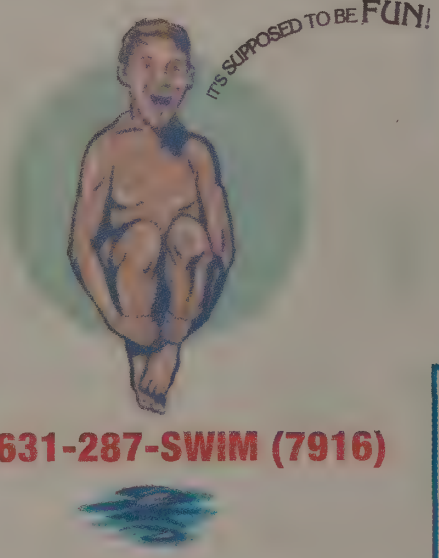

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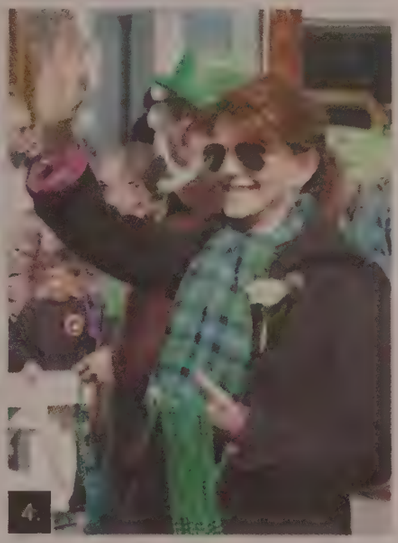
Donna Conti of East Quogue served as grand marshal of Westhampton Beach's St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday. The always-entertaining Coneheads took first place for Best Community Float.
Photographs by Brendan J. O'Reilly



1. The Coneheads lampoon Miley Cyrus' "Wrecking Ball" music video
2. Grand Marshal **Donna Conti**
3. Wearing green, and fashionable
4. Southampton Town Supervisor **Anna Throne-Holst** throws beads to the crowd

6th Annual Am O'Gansett Parade

Amagansett holds the distinction of having the shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade on Long Island—and perhaps worldwide. The Am O'Gansett Parade held Saturday on Main Street was just a few minutes long. The students and faculty of Amagansett School were chosen as the grand marshals.
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1. East Hampton Town Crier **Hugh King**
2. The grand marshals
3. The Montauk Friends of Erin
4. Mickey's Carting throws handfuls of treats to children lining Main Street
5. All in green, this man roller skates through the Am O'Gansett Parade

Montauk Friends of Erin Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at The Point Bar & Grill

The 10th annual Montauk Friends of Erin corned beef and cabbage dinner was held last Saturday at The Point Bar & Grill, in advance of the Montauk Friends of Erin Parade coming up on Sunday, March 23. **Photographs by Richard Lewin**

The Point co-owner **Marc Remmes** and Montauk Friends of Erin's **Shane Heneghan** and President **Joe Bloecker** serve dinner

Joel, **Mio** and **Mika Halsey**

Deryn Trott, **Maureen Keller**, **Regan Moloney** and **Tricia Cusimano**, the welcoming committee and the cashiers

Paul Monte Proud to Be Irish for a Day!

BY KELLY LAFFEY & STACY DERMONT

They say that everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day. Or is it that everyone is a Montauker on the day of the second-largest St. Patrick's Day parade in New York State? Either way, 2014 Grand Marshal Paul Monte will fit right in when he rightfully parts the Green Sea to lead the 52nd Annual Montauk Friends of Erin St. Patrick's Day Parade. And he couldn't be more excited.

"I'm very proud and honored," says the General Manager and CEO of Gurney's Inn Resort Spa and Conference Center. The self-identified 100% Italian-American is preparing for the big day by eating "the only thing you can eat all week—corned beef and cabbage. Maybe some potatoes."

The parade festivities start at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 23, when the Montauk Chamber of Commerce begins serving hot clam chowder. Made and donated by local restaurants, the hearty soup—in which Montaukers take just as much pride as they do their parade—will be served in a St. Patrick's Day Parade souvenir mug. The parade steps off from Edgemere Road at 11:30 a.m., turns onto Main Street, continues past the reviewing stand on the green and finishes near the IGA.

"As a seasonal community, the parade and the festivities of that weekend are a kind of rebirth for our community each year," Monte says of the significance of the event. "It's a time to say goodbye to winter, hello to spring and 'welcome' to the throngs of visitors who love Montauk as much as we do. It's also an opportunity for our local merchants and workers to bring in some sorely needed capital after the long, slow winter months."

Courtesy Gurney's Inn
Paul Monte, the Grand Marshal

Monte moved to Montauk in 1968 when he was 11 years old, and many of his favorite memories of the parade are from the various times when he participated. "Whether I was marching as a Cub Scout or Boy Scout, riding horseback or driving or riding on a float, it was always a memorable and exciting experience. I guess that type of excitement and small-town experience is what draws the 30,000 to 40,000 visitors that line our streets to watch it every year." In recent years Monte has driven the Gurney's float in the parade.

Appropriately, Gurney's has a host of activities planned for the weekend. The Grand Marshal's Luncheon will be held on Friday, March 21 from noon to 3 p.m. "I'm actually looking forward to the luncheon and roast on Friday. Maybe that makes me a masochist," Monte says. "George Watson [owner of The Dock restaurant] in particular is completely unfiltered!"

On Saturday, Gurney's will host the Gala Cocktail Party, with a buffet, open bar and live band. The public is invited to purchase tickets to both events. "Besides being proud that Gurney's participates in the parade, we're proud to be the location where much takes place on Friday and Saturday," Monte says. "It sets the tone."

"I congratulate and salute the Friends of Erin," Monte says. "Without them there'd be no parade and without the parade, Montauk would be a different place."

The Long Island Rail Road will expand service to and from Montauk on March 23. Two additional eastbound trains will depart Jamaica at 7:10 a.m.; and Babylon at 8:50 a.m. The regularly scheduled Montauk-bound trains will depart Jamaica at 8:10 a.m., 10:10 a.m. and 12:10 a.m. A 1:31 p.m. will take revelers home, in addition to the 3:30 p.m., 5:35 p.m. and 7:33 p.m. Montauk departures.

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Reflections: Origins of "The Montauk Pioneer"

BY DAN RATTINER

I founded the first edition of *Dan's Papers* in Montauk in 1960. Montauk was a real outpost at that time. Not much went on here, except it was considered the deep-sea fishing capital of the world. There were 30 brand new motels active in the summertime. There were half a dozen restaurants. A couple of nightspots. That was it. Deep-sea fishermen brought in giant sharks lashed to the sides of their boats. Others brought in swordfish and marlin. There was sunbathing at the beach, tennis, horseback riding, surfcasting, skeet shooting, beach-buggying, golfing. There was no movie theater, no library, no police station, no community center, no museum. Everybody worked seven days a week in the summertime, and the few who stayed around after Labor Day worked hardly at all.

Nearby in the Hamptons back then, people farmed and fished and lived the small-town life. There were only three stations on TV, all in Connecticut. There was no radio. The people went to church on Sunday. The stores were closed to observe that day. There were a few writers and artists in the community, but no celebrities, no paparazzi.

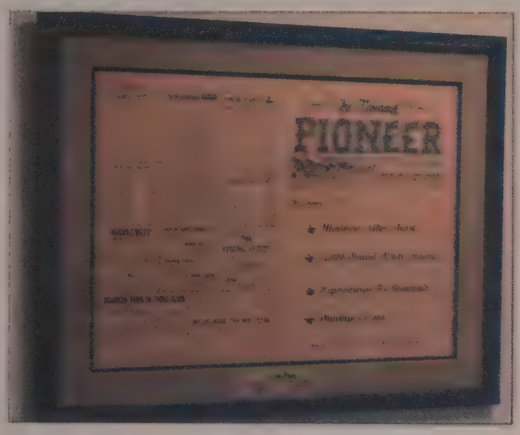
Three summers before, when I was a high school boy growing up in New Jersey, my dad, who had been the sales manager for a national cosmetics company, bought White's Montauk Pharmacy and moved the family to Montauk. I worked for him in the store for two summers while attending college. We sold bathing suits, suntan lotion, kites. I ran the soda fountain.

In the third summer, I founded *The Montauk Pioneer*, the first Dan's Papers. The office was my bedroom. My convertible car was our delivery truck, I wrote all the stories, sold all the ads and, over a long night, helped out in a print shop I'd hired in Sayville, helping the typesetters get the paper printed before dawn. The first edition, in a run of 5,000 copies, was distributed for free on the cigarette machines in the lobbies of each of the motels in town and also on the cigarette machines in the lobbies of the restaurants, stores and night spots.

To the best of my knowledge, this was the first free newspaper in America. The proceeds of the paper paid my expenses and tuition for my undergraduate work at the University of Rochester and my graduate work at Harvard.

With that finished and with my mom and dad very proud of me, I embarked to expand the Dan's Papers operation with more newspapers in more resort towns, and over the next five years expanded to editions in East Hampton, Sag Harbor, the North Fork, Southampton, Westhampton Beach and Block Island. I also co-founded a hippie newspaper in Manhattan in the winter of 1965, called *The East Village Other*.

Dan's Papers has become a big business. We have a big office in Southampton, about 30 employees, several vehicles, a thriving and very popular website, and we run events such as Taste of Two Forks and GrillHampton, publish the Dan's Papers Literary Prize, the Dan's Papers Kite Fly and others, the Dan's List guidebook, several magazines, numerous newsletters, and with all the editions of the newspapers consolidated into one, *Dan's Papers*.



Kelly Laffey

"The Montauk Pioneer," Volume 1, Number 1

I've lived my adult life here, have been happily married, raised four children, been involved with the remarkable changes that have come to this East End community—and feel particularly connected with Montauk, the little town where it all began.

The Montauk Pioneer section of Dan's Papers will return weekly for the summer beginning with our May 16 issue!

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Local Band Rises out of the Belly of the Beast

BY KELLY LAFFEY

Though an East End local will fiercely defend the merits of year-round living on this side of the canal, it's a fairly well kept secret that most residents take a wintertime escape. And those who don't, make the best of the solitude.

The Montauk Project, a local rock band set to release its first full-length album, *Belly of the Beast*, on March 25, turned the seasonal exodus into an opportunity to realize their potential.

"When we started the band, it was in the middle of winter. We were jamming out, playing as loud as we wanted," Jasper Conroy, one-fourth of the all-local band, says. The 10-track album was recorded at their home studio in Montauk. Together for almost three years, the band features Mark Schiavoni on vocals and guitar, Conroy on drums and vocals, Chris Wood on bass and Jack Marshall on lead guitar and vocals; and Matthew King does live sound and studio production.

Belly of the Beast features all original music, mostly written by Schiavoni and Conroy. "The first feature track from the album is called 'The Beast.' We wrote it as a metaphor for capturing a beast at sea, a struggle," Schiavoni says. "[The album title] is an expansion on the same idea. Anyone who's been through a rough time can say that they're 'in the belly of the beast.'"

The band has spent a fair bit of time in that proverbial belly, as they've been on the brink of breaking out and have steadily built a following on the East End and in Manhattan. They call 668 The Gig Shack their local spot.

Courtesy The Montauk Project

The Montauk Project will release its first full-length album 3/25.

The Montauk Project first obtained affirmation that they were on the rise last year, when Jägermeister signed on as a sponsor.

But, like the band's namesake hamlet, the true beast stirs in March. In addition to being the month of the band's album release, March also marks the first time that The Montauk Project performed outside the New York metro area. The rock group played a March 12 show at the South by Southwest music festival in Austin, Texas. " [South by Southwest] has been on our radar for a few years," Schiavoni says. "This is a very big step for us." Of course, the band also has plans to play in the Montauk St. Patrick's Day Parade, the hamlet's annual forced awakening from hibernation, on Sunday.

The Montauk Project primarily identifies as a rock band, with an eclectic array of influences from both the '70s and '90s. "Classic rock with a modern twist," Schiavoni clarifies. Though three of the four members have long hair, "we're definitely not a hair band," Conroy says. "Do we fit the stereotype? Maybe..."

The name The Montauk Project, which many associate with alleged mind experiments conducted at Camp Hero decades ago, was born simply because it was the group's project in Montauk.

"We try to play off of the double meaning with our music," Jasper says. "With our first EP [in 2012], one of our songs was titled 'Mind Control' and one was 'The Rainbow Song.'"

The band doesn't represent conspiracy theorists, but they don't object to the increased recognition—and Google association—they get from sharing a name with something that has captured the attention of a national niche audience. Although, Schiavoni notes that someone once asked him "Why would you name your band after such a horrible thing?"

Government mind games aside, the timing couldn't be more right for a Montauk-based band to burst onto the national scene. "It's not that the band is about Montauk, but people have heard of [the hamlet]," Schiavoni says.

More than their feelings on their name, The Montauk Project is confident in their sound. "If you're a rock and roll lover, [our show] would be a hard one not to get into," says Schiavoni.

Following the parade, the band will host an album release party in Manhattan on March 29 and at Southampton's 230 Elm on April 5.

For more info, visit themontaukproject.com.

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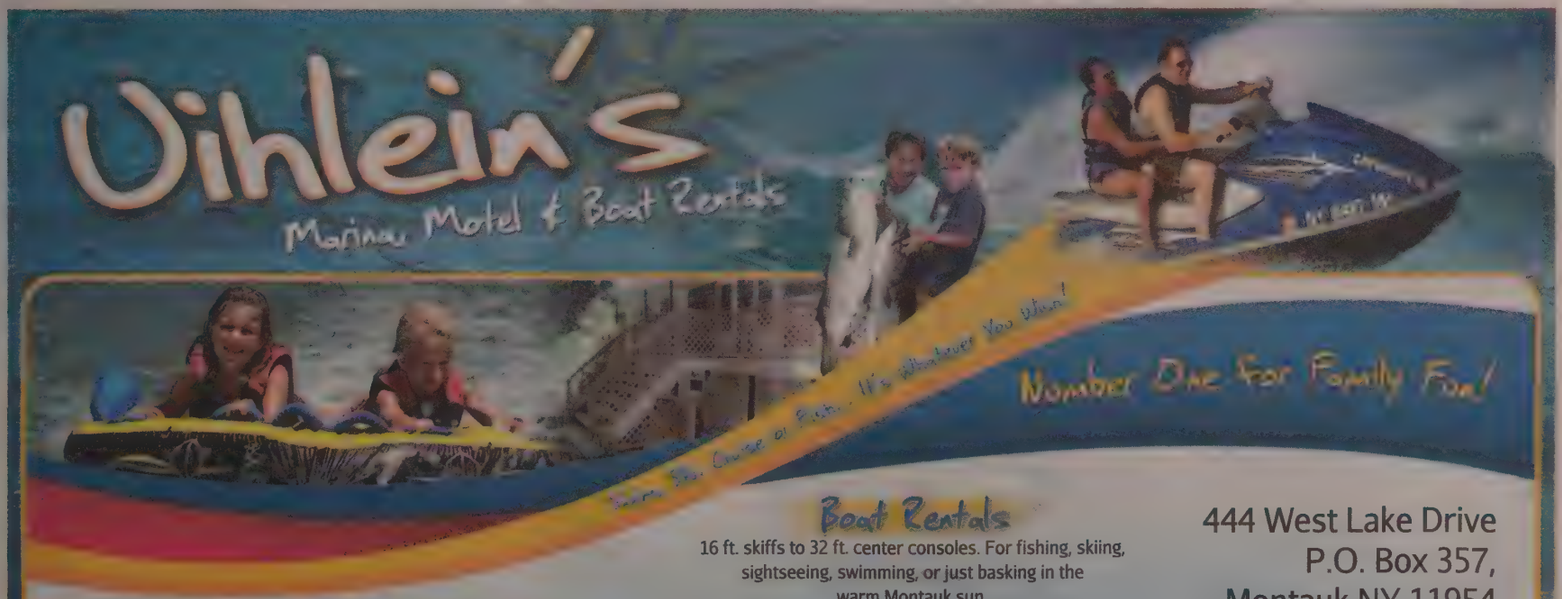

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Erin Go Bragh Around Montauk's Green

BY KELLY LAFFEY

Montauk awakes from its winter slumber this weekend, as thousands flock to the end of our Emerald Isle to celebrate the second-largest St. Patrick's Day in New York State. Everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's Day...and, since this is Long Island, everyone's Irish a week before and after St. Patrick's Day as well. For those hanging onto their pot of gold a wee bit longer than the rest of the country, take note of our guide when planning your day:

On your way out to Montauk—or perhaps after the parade festivities—check out East Hampton's **Rowdy Hall**. The restaurant will continue to celebrate the luck of the Irish with a la carte lunch specials, a prix fixe dinner menu and drink specials. Included in the lineup is an Irish mimosa, potato leek soup, corned beef and cabbage—obviously a holiday staple—and an Irish Guinness float.

With locations in Westhampton, Southampton and Water Mill, **Hampton Coffee** will also be serving corned beef sandwiches through March 23. Stop in for a bite, or grab the traditional Irish fare to go and enjoy after securing that coveted parade viewing spot.

Now, where to eat, drink and be merry while enjoying the parade? *Dan's Papers* has the scoop on who will be open that afternoon. Here's where to partake in the fun:

Located in the heart of town, **O'Murphy's** (99 Edgemere St, 631-668-5005) will be standing room, liquid lunches only. Depending upon how the day goes, tables and food service may resume during the evening.

The Point Bar and Grill (697 Montauk Hwy, 631-668-1500) will also go full-on Irish for the event, serving only drinks.

An Irish prix fixe will be available at **Sammy's** (448 West Lake Dr., 631-238-5707) through March 23, and 20% of the proceeds will go to the Montauk Friends of Erin.

John's Pancake House (721 Montauk Hwy, 631-668-2383) will have business as usual, opening at 6 a.m. They'll be serving their signature breakfast fare to those who stake out their parade spot early.

Gulf Coast Kitchen at Montauk Yacht Club (32 Star Island Road, 631-668-3100) will be open for dinner at 5:30 p.m., but the bar will be serving drinks and small bites starting at noon.

As per usual, **Gurney's Sea Grille** will have specials every night and a $28.95 prix fixe, which includes an app, main course and dessert. Gurney's will also be the site of many an event celebrating Grand Marshal Paul Monte, Gurney's General Manager and CEO. Check out our calendar on page 36 for more details.

After the parade, **Harvest on Fort Pond** (11 S Emery St, 631-668-5574) opens for dinner service at 5 p.m., serving their regular menu and half portions. Reservations are recommended.

As it's not along the parade route, don't expect **The Montauket** (88 Firestone Rd, 631-668-5992) to fill up until after the festivities along the main drag have concluded. But when they do, enjoy food and drink at this favorite sunset spot.

Serving fresh fish and sushi, **Inlet Seafood** (541 E Lake Dr., 631-668-4272) is now open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for lunch and dinner, starting at noon—including, of course, on parade day.

In addition to the aforementioned establishments, the Montauk Chamber also lists the following restaurants as open. But, like the spirit of Montauk itself, the restaurants are independent souls. If you plan on grabbing a bite to eat, make sure you put in a call to confirm.

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Manucci's (732 W Lake Dr., 631-668-4455)
Naturally Good Foods (38 S Etna Ave, 631-668-9030)
Sail Inn (548 W Lake Dr, 631-668-2800)
Pizza Village (700 Main St, 631-668-2232)
The Point (697 Montauk Hwy, 631-668-1500)
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Sausages (781 Montauk Hwy, 631-668-1144)
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Outlook on Montauk Real Estate Rentals, Sales

BY KELLY ANN KRIEGER

We're finally seeing light at the end of a cold and blustery winter. With spring finally upon us, if you haven't started looking for your summer rental or possible vacation home purchase, now is the time.

The East End economy and real estate have always existed in a bit of a bubble relative the rest of the country, and the housing market on the East End has been extremely active during the past two years.

Montauk has especially been steadily gaining popularity, becoming more of a resort town than ever before. With the kick-off of the 52nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday March 23, the celebratory tone will be set for an anticipated record-breaking 2014 season.

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Local realtors definitely have to be quick on their feet this time of year, especially while the pressure is on to meet the high demand for rentals and home requests.

"Business is booming and rentals are off the charts. Right now we have limited inventory, and if you're interested in renting something for the summer, time is of the essence," Theresa Eurell, at Town & Country Real Estate's Montauk office, says. "On the selling side, there's been lots of action and even bidding wars, especially for those homes priced under a $1 million price point. We've had homes sold within a week of listing the property."

"While we head into the season, we continue to work with a select group of loyal clients that we've been connected with for many years when it comes to rentals and sales," John Keeshan, of Keeshan Real Estate, Montauk, says. "The majority of renters today are new faces to the area. The internet and online rental listings by owner changed things dramatically, but we continue to service those clients who prefer realtors to screen potential renters."

Though it's far too early to compare 2014 to 2013, Montauk has already experienced record-breaking transactions. If the trend continues, as expected, this summer will be even more successful than the previous year's impressive numbers.

"Sales and rentals have been even stronger than last year. With a lack of inventory, potential sellers are staying firm with their asking price. In the present market, the seller has the upper hand and there's little room for negotiation. It has become a seller's market," Eurell says. "We're always looking for new inventory and if a homeowner has been considering selling their home, we recommend having their home appraised and evaluated. This is the perfect time to sell, and they may be pleasantly surprised."

Keeshan confirms that Montauk is a seller's market. "There is more demand than available properties. Homes that once sold for $350,000 are now selling for $1.35 million. Vacant land is also very scarce," Keeshan continues.

Montauk is definitely the place to be this summer. There's no time to waste if you're considering buying, selling or renting in the near future. For that quintessential beach home, begin your search at The End.

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THIS WEEK...

SEAL HIKE IN MONTAUK
Weekends through April. Arrive a few minutes before start time, wear clothing appropriate for weather and comfortable shoes for hiking. 3–mile hike. Reservations are required. $4 adults/$3 children/free under 3 years old. Montauk Point State Park, 2000 Montauk Highway, Montauk. *631-668-5000 nysparks.com*

TASTINGS AT THE MONTAUK BREWING COMPANY
Noon–7 p.m. Saturdays & Sundays; 3–7 p.m., Friday. 62 S. Erie Ave, Montauk. *631-834-2627 montaukbrewingco.com*

FRIENDS OF MONTAUK LIBRARY WINTER MOVIE SERIES
3/20, 7 p.m. Screening of the Oscar-nominated drama *Nebraska* starring Bruce Dern. Montauk Library, 871 Montauk Library, Montauk. *631-668-3377 montauklibrary.org*

KARAOKE AT GURNEY'S
3/20, 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, with Helen of The Diva's Karaoke. Gurney's Inn Resort Spa and Conference Center, 290 Old Montauk Hwy, Montauk. *631-668-2345, gurneysinn.com*

FRIENDS OF ERIN GRAND MARSHAL'S LUNCHEON
3/21, Noon–3 p.m. Gurney's Inn hosts Friends of Erin Grand Marshal's Luncheon. Will feature roasting of Grand Marshal Paul Monte, General Manager of Gurney's Inn and President of Montauk Chamber of Commerce. Tickets $50 per person. Call or email for reservations. Gurney's Inn, 290 Old Montauk Highway, Montauk. *631-668-2257 sgtjlb@optonline.net*

St. Paddy's Day Parades!

Hampton Bays
Saturday, March 22, 11 a.m.
Step off: Hampton Bays Elementary School on Ponquogue Ave. to Montauk Highway, west to the reviewing stand and ending in the Hampton Atrium parking lot.

Jamesport
Saturday, March 22, 1 p.m.
Step off: Washington Avenue to South Jamesport Avenue on Route 25 in Jamesport.

Montauk's 52nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade
Sunday, March 23, 11:30 a.m.
Step off: Runs up Edgemere Road, and then turns onto Main Street by the IGA.
*The Montauk Chamber of Commerce will begin serving hot clam chowder in a souvenir mug starting at 10 a.m. on the green.

Patchogue St. Patrick's Day Parade
Sunday, March 30, 12:30 p.m.
Step off: Main Street from the Route 112 intersection, heading west, ending at the intersection of West Avenue and West Main Street

FRIENDS OF ERIN GALA COCKTAIL PARTY AND RAFFLE
3/22, 4–8 p.m. Get ready to celebrate the parade with Grand Marshal Paul Monte. $60 in advance, $75 per person at the door. Tickets available online or by phone. Gurney's Inn, 290 Old Montauk Highway, Montauk. *631-668-2345 montaukfriendsoferin.com*

MONTAUK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SOUP SALE
3/23, 10 a.m. Soup donated by local restaurants and sold by Chamber in a commemorative mug to benefit Friends of Erin Parade. Mugs available for advance purchase starting 3/21. Montauk Chamber of Commerce, 742 Montauk Highway, Montauk. *631-668-2428 montaukchamber.com*

THE 52ND ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
3/23, 11:30 a.m. Kick-off at Edgemere Road. Turns onto Main Street past the reviewing stand on the green and finishes at the end of Main Street by the IGA. Come early to get a good view. *montaukfriendsoferin.org*

Get ready for the big parade!

SEAL HAUL OUT TRAIL
3/25, 10 a.m. 2.5-mile walk; Now is a great time to view the seals basking on rocks near the Block Island Sound before they head back to Canada in April. Meet at Camp Hero Road, one mile east of Deep Hollow Ranch. Wear appropriate foot gear for the trail and bring binoculars. Led by Eva Moore. *631-267-6608 or 631-681-4774 (day of hike) ehtps.org*

FRIENDS OF MONTAUK LIBRARY WINTER MOVIE SERIES: "INSIDE LLEWYN DAVIS"
3/27, 7 p.m. Screening of film about the iconic singer set in 1961. Montauk Library, 871 Montauk Library, Montauk. *631-668-3377 montauklibrary.org*

APRIL EVENTS

GURNEY'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT
4/20, 11 a.m.–noon. For more information: *631-668-2345 gurneysinn.com*

CONCERT FOR THE CONCERTS 2014
4/27, 3–7 p.m. Concert to support the 2014 Monday Night Concerts on the green. Featuring Gene Casey and The Lone Sharks, Sound Source and The Blue Collar Band. $10 admission, kids free with adult. 50/50 raffle, food and beverage available. Hosted by Zum Schneider. On the green. *631-283-5963 zumschneider.com*

MAY EVENTS

THE 5TH ANNUAL MONTAUK MUSIC FESTIVAL
5/15–5/18. Musicians from all over the USA gather to perform at this four-day music fest featuring various genres of indie bands and artists. Performers to be announced. On the green. *631-668-5077 themontaukfestival.com*

MONTAUK ARTISTS' ASSOCIATION JURIED ART SHOW
5/23–5/25, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Juried fine art paintings, graphics, prints, photography and more. Depot Art Gallery and Art School, 742 Montauk Highway, Montauk. *631-668-5336 montaukart@aol.com*

MONTAUK VETERANS' 3RD ANNUAL FISH FRY
5/24, 1–3 p.m. Free for US veterans; friends and family welcome. Price and location TBD. *montaukchamber.com*

PICK OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 23
Montauk St. Patrick's Day Parade
(See below)

THE 4TH ANNUAL MONTAUK MEMORIAL WEEKEND PARADE
5/25, noon–2 p.m. Montauk Veterans and Service Club members march down Main Street in honor of those who fought and died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Starts at Kirk Park and moves east through town, ending on the village green. Various entertainment and presentations. *montaukchamber.com*

BLESSING OF THE BOARDS
5/25, 8:30 a.m./10:30 a.m. All boards blessed—skate, surf or boogie. After the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. masses. St. Therese of Lisieux, 55 South Etna Avenue, Montauk. *631-668-2200 montaukchamber.com*

JUNE EVENTS

THE 29TH RJA MEMORIAL MIGHTY MONTAUK TRIATHALON
6/7, 6–10 a.m. Scenic course consisting of 1-mile swim, 22-mile bike ride and 6.2-mile run. Sponsored by Montauk Sports Inc. 371 West Lake Drive, Montauk. *631-668-2511*

MONTAUK CHAMBER FARMERS MARKET
Begins 6/12, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Thursdays through October. Proceeds benefit Montauk Food Pantry. Montauk Chamber of Commerce, 742 Montauk Hwy, Montauk. *631-668-2428 montaukchamber.com*

THE 44TH MONTAUK MARINE BASIN SHARK TAG TOURNAMENT
6/26, 4–10 p.m. Total purse of $50,000 broken into various prizes. Number of boats limited to 125. Prize money is based on entries. Darenberg's Montauk Marine Basin, 426 West Lake Drive, Montauk. *631-668-5900 marinebasin.com*

MONDAY NIGHT CONCERTS ON THE GREEN
Begins 6/30, 6:30 p.m. Free concerts every Monday night on the green. Montauk Chamber of Commerce, 742 Montauk Hwy, Montauk. *631-668-2428 montaukchamber.com*

JULY EVENTS

STARS OVER MONTAUK JULY 4TH FIREWORKS
7/4, 9 p.m. Fireworks sponsored by Montauk Chamber of Commerce. Umbrella Beach, 1/3 mile west of town; fireworks best viewed from any town beach. Rain date 7/5.

THE 2ND ANNUAL SHARK'S EYE CHARITY FISHING TOURNAMENT
7/11–7/13, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. No-kill, satellite tag shark tournament. Selected sharks will be tagged with GPS tags during the event. Montauk Marine Basin, 426 West Lake Drive, Montauk. *631-668-5900 marinebasin.com*

DOWN THE LINE...

THE 33RD ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL
10/11–10/13 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Family fun, beer, wine, Oktoberfest foods, farmers market, inflatable rides, free carousel, Grucci fireworks and more. Clam Chowder Contest 10/11. All events held on the green. *montaukchamber.com*

MONTAUK SEAFOOD FESTIVAL
TBD. Food, drinks and entertainment will be in healthy supply at the Montauk Marine Basin. Check online for dates. *montaukfriendsoferin.com montaukseafoodfestival.com*

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NORTH FORK EVENTS
So much to see and do this weekend!

NORTH FORK

WINERIES
Drink in the whole North Fork!

Restaurant Review: The Jamesport Manor Inn

BY GENEVIEVE HORSBURGH

The Jamesport Manor Inn is nestled on a quiet corner of the North Fork of Long Island, and the striking Victorian-style building is a thing to behold. The historic site has a curious past, having been rebuilt twice because of fires. The cuisine at the Inn is comforting—a blend of New American dishes with a decidedly Mediterranean twist.

We started our meal with some tempting appetizers—being a lover of edible fungus, the mushroom toast caught my eye. A medley of wild mushrooms sat atop a pillow of tangy whipped goat cheese, all heaped on a crusty piece of bread. The dish was drizzled with aromatic chive vinaigrette, which also added some eye appeal with its lively green color. The mushrooms were perfectly seasoned and sautéed until tender. Their deep, woodsy flavor paired excellently with the bite from the smooth, whipped goat cheese. The chive vinaigrette enhanced the flavors, adding a subtle, pleasing onion flavor in the background.

The roasted beet salad is a winner in my book. A mound of perfectly roasted red beets and oranges is piled high, tossed in a tart dressing along with goat cheese, and sprinkled with delightful morsels of bacon and roasted pistachios. The mellow flavor of the beets is enhanced by the sweetness and tanginess of the oranges and the dressing. The pistachios complete the balance of flavors by adding roasted nutty goodness, triggering the feeling of foodie bliss.

We decided to try the Inn's three cheese ravioli, because the sauce sounded ridiculously delicious. It consisted of tender roasted fennel and tomatoes, accompanied by baby artichokes and topped with Parmesan and crispy fried fennel fronds. All those wonderfully fresh flavors paired well together, and I loved the subtle flavor of the roasted fennel. The tomatoes were sweet and fresh, and the fried fronds on top added wonderful texture.

The first of our entrérs to come out was the pan roasted Crescent duck breast, served with black peppercorn fettuccine in a cassis lingonberry sauce. I was intrigued by this pasta, the flavor of the peppercorns coming through, but not in an unpleasantly spicy way. It was almost like the flavor of the peppercorns had been drawn out and just the essence remained. Cassis, black currant liqueur, gave the accompanying sauce a sweet punch and helped to cut through the aggressive flavor of the fettuccine. It also had chunks of the succulent dark duck meat running trough it—very complex and matched well with the equally flavorful and full-bodied essence of the duck.

We also couldn't help but try the braised Australian lamb shank, because I love braised meat, and I don't get to have lamb often. I was not disappointed. The lamb shank was enormous, set on top of a pile of creamy mashed potatoes and adorable, tender baby carrots. A decadent red wine au jus glistened invitingly on the side. The meat all but fell off the bone at the slightest prodding of my fork. Sprinkled around the entire plate were delightful slivers of frizzled onions. For the perfect bite: lamb, mashed potato, carrot, onion and dip in au jus. Yum. Kudos to the chef!

G. Horsburgh

Mushroom toast with whipped goat cheese.

No meal could ever be complete without dessert! After ordering a cappuccino and coffee, we poured over the dessert menu, finally deciding on a favorite—the Valrhona chocolate terrine—and a yummy, warm apple tart with almonds, topped with creamy vanilla gelato. The chocolate terrine with slivers of chocolate were sprinkled with roasted pistachio was sinfully good; like the inside of the best truffle I've ever had. This is a chocolate dessert for the record books.

The Jamesport Manor Inn, 370 Manor Lane, Jamesport. jamesportmanorinn.com, 631-722-0500

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THURSDAY, MARCH 20

AARP SMART DRIVER DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE
9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Limited to Riverhead cardholders over the age of 18. $20 for AARP members/$25 for non-members. Riverhead Free Library, 330 Court Street, Riverhead. *631-727-3228 riverheadlibrary.org*

COUNTRY NIGHT AT THE ALL STAR
7 p.m. Every Thursday night with My Country 96.I. Live Band & DJ Deuce. Line dancing, music and more. $10 admission, redeemable for bowling. Come for dinner and try the ribs. The All Star, 96 Main Road, Riverhead. *631-998-3565 theallstar.com*

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

TOMMY KEYS HAPPY HOUR AT THE ALL STAR
4 p.m.–7 p.m. Happy hour at The All Star. 96 Main Road, Riverhead. *631-998-3565 theallstar.com*

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC AT OREGON ROAD
6–9 p.m. Live music every Friday night. Local beer, light fare. Lieb Cellars Oregon Road, 13050 Oregon Road, Cutchogue. *631-734-1100 facebook.com/FridayNightsOregonRoad*

"ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST"
8 p.m. Through 3/30. Classic drama about a mental institution and the rebel who tries to take down its tyrannical nurse. $15. North Fork Community Theatre, 12700 Old Sound Avenue, Mattituck. *631-298-4500 nfct.com*

DIALOGUES AT SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
7 p.m. Featuring *The Grand Illusion of Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt*. Free. Shelter Island Public Library, 37 North Ferry Road, Shelter Island. *631-749-0042 shelterislandpubliclibrary.org*

LIVE MUSIC AT TWEED'S
7–10 p.m. Various artists on Friday Nights. 17 East Main Street, Riverhead. *631-208-3151 tweedsrestaurant.com*

2014 WINTER JAZZ EXPERIENCE FEATURING CLAES BRONDAL AND THE GROOVE GUMBO COLLECTIVE
7–10:30 p.m. $20 in advance; $25 at the door subject to availability. All tickets include a glass of wine. Martha Clara Vineyards, 6025 Sound Ave., Riverhead *631-298-0075 marthaclaravineyards.com*

CHERRY POPPIN' DADDIES AT SUFFOLK THEATER
8–10 p.m. The jazz/ska band plays jazz standards and original hits like "Zoot Suit Riot." $45; door, bar and restaurant open at 6:30. Suffolk Theater, 118 East Main Street, Riverhead. *631-727-4343 suffolktheater.com*

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

FREE THE TREES AT MASHOMACK PRESERVE
10 a.m.–noon. Remove smothering vines that can kill trees. Free, bring work gloves. Mashomack Preserve, 79 S. Ferry Road, Shelter Island. *631-749-1001 nature.org/mashomack*

RIVERHEAD FARMERS MARKET
11 a.m.–3 p.m. Indoor farmers market located in the old Swezey's building. 117 East Main Street, Riverhead.

SPARKLING WINE AND CHEESE PAIRING
11 a.m.–6 p.m. Showcasing three wines and three cheeses from different areas. This week: Spain. $25 per person. Sparkling Pointe Winery, 39750 County Road 48, Southold. *631-765-0200 sparklingpointe.com*

JAMESPORT ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
1–5 p.m. Step off: Washington Avenue to South Jamesport Avenue on Route 25 in Jamesport.

PICK OF THE WEEK
SATURDAY, MARCH 22
Jamesport St. Patrick's Day Parade
1 p.m. (see below)

LIVE MUSIC EVERY SATURDAY AT LENZ WINERY
2–5 p.m. Also on Sundays. The Lenz Winery, 38355 Main Road (Route 25), Peconic. *631-734-6010 lenzwine.com*

LIVE MUSIC AT LIEB CELLARS OREGON ROAD
2–6 p.m. Rain or shine. Open every day from 12–7. 13050 Oregon Road, Cutchogue. *631-298-1942 liebcellars.com*

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

LIVE MUSIC WITH ED TRAVERS
1–4 p.m. Playing the best of Jimmy Buffet, Island and Happy Good Time Music. Free admission, additional cost for wine and food. Martha Clara Vineyards, 6025 Sound Avenue, Riverhead. *631-298-0075 marthaclaravineyards.com*

LIVE MUSIC AT JAMESPORT VINEYARDS
2–4 p.m. Music every Sunday in the winter. Jamesport Vineyards, 1216 Main Road, Jamesport. *631-722-5256 jamesportwines.com*

MONDAY, MARCH 24

CIVIL WAR SERIES AT CUTCHOGUE NEW SUFFOLK LIBRARY
6:30 p.m. Ongoing series by Richard Radoccia. This week: The Northern Homefront, Part II. Cutchogue New Suffolk Library, 27550 Main Road, Cutchogue. *631-724-6360 cutchoguelibrary.com*

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MAVIS STAPLES
Live at Suffolk Theater
March 29.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ART EVENTS
Openings, closings
see and be seen.

Max Gomez Brings Folk, Blues to WHBPAC

BY BRENDAN J. O'REILLY

Max Gomez is a young musician with an old soul, who grew up listening to LPs by singer-songwriters and blues greats while other kids his age were listening to Top 40.

Last year, he released a record of his own that is indicative of his Americana influences, while also fitting in with modern chart-toppers. As his star is on the rise, Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center has invited him March 29 for the theater's Breakout Artist series.

"We were brought up in somewhat of a musical household," Gomez says. "My parents have great taste in music and always play great records, like John Prine and Neil Young."

His older brother listened to nothing but old solo albums and blues, especially B.B. King. "We're kind of like blues brothers in a sense," he says. Eventually, his brother got a guitar, and Gomez soon tried it and ended up playing more than his brother did.

Paul Moore
Breakout Artist Max Gomez

"When I was 9 years old, I got my own guitar and I never really put it down," he says.

Gomez, now 26 years old, has been performing for audiences since he was a young teenager.

He is from a small touristy town, a beautiful little place, he says. It is named Taos, located in a remote area of New Mexico. "In order to make a buck as a teenager, it seemed everyone worked in a fancy restaurant," he recalls. After trying that out for a while, he was hired to play music at a country saloon, honky tonk bar.

It was there that he was exposed to country music and numerous singer-songwriters who passed through. They showed him that it wasn't enough to play other artists' songs; he had to write his own.

He began to perform at numerous bars semiprofessionally and make a living at it, he says.

Blues was his first passion. "I believe that's where Americana music came from and where it all started."

He counts among his influences bluesmen Snooks Eaglin and Robert Johnson. Gomez gives Johnson a lot of credit for establishing American music and songwriting. "To this day, I can put on a Robert Johnson song and it pretty much floors me," he says.

Today, he vies to maintain his place at the table with the artists he shares a record label with, New West Records. "There's a lot of guys on the label who I really look up to—aspire to," he says, naming Buddy Miller, John Hiatt and Steve Earle. "They're pretty much the best and I'm exposed to them on a regular basis."

Gomez says he tours almost constantly, and currently he is on the road with his musical collaborator Shawn Mullins, who co-wrote the songs "Love Will Find a Way" and "Never Say Never" on Gomez's debut album, *Rule the World*. "Love Will Find a Way" was also included on Mullins' album *Light You Up*, as were two others Gomez helped write.

"Shawn's been at it a lot longer than I have and he's done really well," Gomez says.

They first met in Nashville in 2009 when they were paired up to work on songs together, and have continued collaborating since.

Another influencer and collaborator for Gomez has been Jeff Trott, who produced *Rule the World*. They worked at Trott's Manhattan Beach, CA, recording studio to write songs and make demos.

"After we wrote 'Run from You,' Jeff was really adamant about encouraging me to make an album," Gomez says. It was about that time that New West Records came into the scene and signed him.

"Run from You" became the album's first single, and Kiefer Sutherland directed the music video. *Esquire* declared the single one the best new songs.

In between opening for Mullins, Gomez puts on solo shows, like at Westhampton Beach. He says the performing arts center is the perfect place for him. "I really enjoy telling stories on stage, and when you're in a theater setting, everyone's really into it and hooked in." He says he would tell people considering coming to his show, "Come out and not only hear a song, but hear where a song came from ... and hear my music and some old folk songs they might not ever hear otherwise."

Max Gomez performs March 29 at 8 p.m. at the Westhampton Beach PAC, 76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach. Tickets are $20. 631-288-1500, whbpac.org

Mavis Staples; A Joyful Noise at Suffolk Theater

BY DAN KOONTZ

Gospel icon and soul queen Mavis Staples is making a rare local appearance. She'll be at the Suffolk Theater in Riverhead on Saturday, March 29, one of a number of legendary artists who are coming to grace the stage in that lovingly refurbished space. This will be a perfect opportunity to see and hear a one-of-a-kind artist right in our own backyard.

The concert promises a mix of old favorites and newer sounds. And "old favorites" in this case is no exaggeration. Mavis Staples started performing gospel music with her famous family band, The Staple Singers, in 1948. The Staple Singers were Mavis along with her sister Cloetha, her brother Pervis, and of course her father Roebuck "Pops" Staples. They lived on the South Side of Chicago, and through the '50s the band performed locally and recorded for a series of independent labels, eventually breaking through nationally with the record *Uncloudy Day* in 1956. The Staple Singers were distinguished by Pops Staples' unique electric guitar style, which owed a great deal to his Southern roots. Early on, the only additional accompaniment they used was complex hand clapping patterns.

Courtesy Suffolk Theater

Mavis Staples

Even more distinctive, though, was Mavis Staples' remarkable voice. From a young age, Mavis had a much lower vocal range than most women, comfortably singing and projecting on notes that would be hard for even some men to hit. Featured as lead vocalist on many Staple Singers songs, she gave the band an unmistakable sound.

In the late '50s and early '60s, the Staple Singers, like many gospel singers at the time, became heavily involved in the struggle for civil rights. They performed at marches and rallies alongside Mahalia Jackson and Joan Baez.

Starting in the late '60s, The Staple Singers made a transition to singing secular music—though their material continued to reflect a gospel spirit—and became famous with a string of pop hits like "Respect Yourself" and "I'll Take You There," all with Mavis's low, throaty voice out front. Many rock fans will also remember The Staple Singers from their appearance in the film *The Last Waltz*, performing a classic version of "The Weight" with The Band.

In recent years, Mavis has recorded two fantastic CDs with Jeff Tweedy as producer. Tweedy, a founder of the alternative band Wilco, has captured Mavis in beautiful voice with largely acoustic accompaniment and carefully arranged background vocals, singing well-chosen selections of songs both sacred and secular. The first CD, called *One True Vine*, received a Grammy award for Best Americana Record. The second CD, *You Are Not Alone*, was released in 2013.

Mavis explained how her collaboration with Tweedy came about.

"We're both in Chicago, only I'm on the South Side and he's on the North Side. I was recording a live CD in this funky club called the Hideout, and afterward Tweedy introduced himself. Then I heard that he was interested in doing some recording, so we arranged to meet—on the South Side, that is. He seemed reserved at first, but when we got to talking about family and I realized that family is really important to him, and that's where we came together."

The Staples family wasn't just important to Mavis and her siblings. A new book, *I'll Take You There: Mavis Staples, the Staple Singers, and the March Up Freedom's Highway* by Greg Kot, chronicles how in the '50s and '60s the Staples household on the South Side of Chicago was a well-known gathering place for black celebrities and leaders from all over the country. Mavis's mother, Oceola Staples, was a celebrated cook who was able to give weary performers and civil rights workers a welcome home-cooked meal.

Family continues to be central to Mavis's life and career. While the Staple Singers are no longer around (Pops died in 2000), younger sister Yvonne will be one of Mavis's backup singers at the Suffolk Theater. And her guitarist, Rick Holmstrom, has channeled the Pops Staples sound so well that occasionally Mavis has to turn around to reassure herself that Pops himself isn't back there.

As for her backup singers executing those tricky clapping patterns?

"You know, they try," laughs Mavis.

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OPENINGS AND EVENTS

HOW DO YOU BOTTLE CREATIVITY? AT THE PARRISH ART MUSEUM
3/21, 6 p.m. Join the region's leading winemakers for an interactive tasting and talk about what inspires their art. Guest speakers include Kareem Massoud, Paumanok Vineyards; Barbara Shinn, Shinn Estate Vineyards; Christopher Tracy, Channing Daughters. $25 includes admission to view the exhibitions at the Parrish Art Museum. 279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. *631-283-2118 parrishart.org*

THREE OPENINGS AT WHIMSICAL GALLERY
3/21 and 3/22, 5–9 p.m., Also on 3/23, 3–7 p.m., Whimsical Gallery will host three opening receptions exhibiting work by a selection of contemporary artists. 89 Jobs Lane, Southampton. *631-287-3528*

ELAINE MCKAY PHOTOGRAPHY
3/22, 3–5 p.m., Opening reception. Artist Elaine McKay exhibits her pinhole photography in an exhibition at John Jermain Memorial Library. On view through 4/20. 34 West Water Street, Sag Harbor. *631-725-0049 johnjermain.org*

SEASON OF LOVE: SUSAN LEVIN
3/22, 5–8 p.m., Opening reception. Susan Levin's abstract expressionist-style paintings and digital photographs on view at Sotheby's International Realty, 7 Spring Street, Sag Harbor. *631-725-6000 artbysusanlevin.com*

SPRINGS MYSTERY ART SALE AND CALL TO ARTISTS AT ASHAWAGH HALL
4/23 through 4/27. Reception on 4/26, 4–8 p.m. Springs School fundraiser featuring student and professional postcard-size artworks to be exhibited and sold anonymously alongside each other, all for the same tiny price tag. The "mystery" will be revealed during the closing reception. Proceeds benefit Visiting Artist Program. Call to artists going on now. Artists please email your address to andreamc129@yahoo.com at The Crazy Monkey Gallery for packet with instructions. Packets can also be picked up at The Golden Eagle on Newtown Lane. For more info, call *631-488-7770.* Ashawagh Hall, 780 Springs-Fireplace Road, East Hampton. *631-329-0570*

East Hampton Arts Council to Host First Public Meeting March 26

SPRINGS: The East Hampton Arts Council (EHAC), an organization founded in June 2013 to advise and assist the Town of East Hampton on issues regarding the visual, performing and literary Arts, will host its first public meeting on March 26 from 6–8 p.m. at Ashawagh Hall.

Co-Chairs Jane Martin and Kate Mueth, plus other council members, will be on hand to introduce the mission of the EHAC and discuss plans for the future. Town Board Councilwoman Sylvia Overby is the EHAC Town Board liaison and will open the meeting. Council members Scott Bluedorn, Loring Bolger, Ralph Carpentier, Janet Jennings, Colleen McGowan, Beth Meredith and Carol Steinberg will also be in attendance.

Topics on the meeting's agenda include: In what ways can you envision the EHAC benefiting our community?; Programming suggestions: i.e., music, dance, writing, theater and art workshops, art exhibitions and performances; Public art exhibitions on town-owned properties; and short-term and long-term goals

The EHAC's mission is to promote the arts as an integral part of the town, create opportunities for artists of all genres and to increase recognition for the cultural and financial contribution the arts provide for the Town of East Hampton.

ONGOING

OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS: EAST END ARTS' THIRD ANNUAL NATIONAL JURIED ART COMPETITION
Deadline 4/8. The East End Arts Gallery is now accepting artist entries for their upcoming third annual national juried art competition and exhibit. This year's theme is "The Creative Process." Guest jurors for this competition are Gerald Peters and Peter J. Marcelle. Show dates: 8/8–9/24. *To enter: eastendarts.org*

DARIUS YETKAI: TWO WEEKS IN UMBRIA AT TRIPOLI GALLERY
Through 3/31. Darius Yektai's new series of oil paintings made over a two-week period in Montecastello di Vibio, in Umbria. Tripoli Gallery, 30A Jobs Lane, Southampton. *631-377-3715 tripoligallery.com*

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Through 4/8. Vered Gallery presents a group exhibition featuring figural works by both renowned modern masters and contemporary artists, both established and emerging. "Not Safe Fork Work" speaks to Vered's contemporary take on traditional nudes and portraiture. 58 Park Place, East Hampton. *212-288-6234 veredart.com*

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Movies...

NYMPHOMANIAC VOLUME I
Before you get excited about an opportunity to view porn under the guise of watching an art-house flick, there's some bad news. *Nymphomaniac Volume I* is the work of Lars von Trier, the Danish filmmaker best known for inspiring episodes of confused boredom and for building a fan-base of Bjork-obsessed poseurs. On the other hand, there's some good news, too: Like Tarantino's *Kill Bill*, *Nymphomaniac Volume I* has a vengeful Uma Thurman, in this case beating the crap out of Charlotte Gainsbourgh. It promises to be the highlight of the picture. The other thing it has in common with *Kill Bill* is that it's divided into two parts—*Volume II* is set to arrive in theaters in a few weeks.

MUPPETS MOST WANTED
Zaniness abounds in *Muppets Most Wanted*, the latest entry from the thoroughly Disneyfied Muppet universe. You've got a villainous Tina Fey doing an Eastern European accent, you've got Ricky Gervais playing a tour manager with the last name "Badguy" (it's pronounced Bahd-gee in French, he explains), and you've got an international criminal named Constantin who looks just like Kermit the Frog but speaks with a thick Russian accent. And, of course, you've got the reliably lovable cast of Muppets. Good for the kiddies!

ANITA
Over 20 years have passed since Anita Hill was called to Capitol Hill to testify against Clarence Thomas's nomination to the Supreme Court. Many of today's younger people have no idea who Anita Hill is, let alone the media circus that resulted from her explosive sexual-harassment allegations against Thomas. *Anita*, a new documentary from Freida Mock, recounts the episode from Hill's perspective, using news footage from the period and more recent interview footage. The striking thing, revisiting the footage of Hill's testimony from a contemporary vantage point, is the realization that there is NO WAY Clarence Thomas's nomination would have been successful if it had happened today. Thomas's mediocre tenure on the highest court in the land is therefore the legacy of a unique historical window in the late '80s: on the one hand, a woman's testimony about male harassment was taken seriously enough to reach the ears of Congress; on the other, racial guilt among the elite was strong enough to cause her testimony to provoke a backlash that redounded to her harasser's benefit.

CHEAP THRILLS
In a set-up that will send the squeamish racing for the exits, *Cheap Thrills* takes a broke guy who needs the money and pairs him with a sociopathic couple that sets up a series of cash prizes for a sequence of dares of ever increasing violence and danger. The black comedy features David Koechner, familiar from the *Anchorman* films.

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Where to find the bargains this weekend.

LIFESTYLE/HOUSE & HOME

FABU FINDS
For you, family and friends.

Milling Around a Smaller "Hampton"

BY STEPHANIE DE TROY

It's hard to think about spring when March's arctic gusts are still hitting you in the face, but, with longer days, there does seem to be that increase in energy and promise of warm weather ahead. It's no wonder the East End is scattered with windmills—the area's early settlers figured out a way of making it work for them! One such prominent windmill is located in Water Mill, now welcoming drivers on their way east. Home to history and culture (the Parrish Art Museum and the Watermill Center), Water Mill also hosts a bevy of shops. Pull over and explore!

Blame the wind, but my Water Mill morning started out with gusto. I stopped at **Hampton Coffee** for my usual almond-milk latte (Starbucks has yet to catch on), grabbed a copy of *Dan's Papers* and stocked up on beans for the week. Tons of people were there having breakfast in the restaurant—proving that St. Patrick's Day is the new Memorial Day for the weekend crowd. Hampton Coffee Company is located at 869 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. Call 631-726-2633 or visit hamptoncoffeecompany.com.

Feeling adequately revved up, it was onward to **SoulCycle** to burn off more calories than consumed in a day. As a dear friend reminded me, "If you don't squeeze your glutes, no one else will." Sign up for SoulCycle now, since "summer bodies are made in the winter." SoulCycle is located where Blockbuster used to be, at 760 Montauk Highway. Call 631-324-6610 or visit soul-cycle.com for class schedules and pricing.

After class, save yourself time and take advantage of the conveniences right there. Having guests later tonight? Pick up a few bottles of rosé from **Southampton Wines at Water Mill**, right next to the dry cleaners. You can see how this can all work out quite nicely. Call ahead and Southampton Wines will have your order ready for pickup! 631-726-2712, southamptonwines.com.

S. de Troy
Water Mill's main street

Nails looking sub-par? March wind will do that to a person! **Serenity Nails** can fix that. Located at 670 Montauk Highway, call 631-726-4696 to schedule an appointment or just walk right in. In between manicures, revive those hands with a rich, hydrating crème like **Dermelect Cosmeceuticals** "Timeless Anti-Aging Daily Hand Treatment." Made with ProSina TM Protein Peptide, Hyaluronic Acid, GABA, Emblica, collagen and papaya extract, the hand lotion combats dryness, locks in moisture, plumps the skin and lightens dark spots, all with a grease-free powdery cream formula. The lotion is even re-activated with water—perfect for frequent hand-washers. Available online at dermelect.com.

Fading but don't quite feel like sitting down for a formal lunch? That's why God made delis. **The Deli at Water Mill** is popular with folks on the go for their delicious (and big!) sandwiches, coffees, bagels and even treats like salchipapas and tacos. It's the perfect pit stop before the beach. The Deli is located at 670 Montauk Highway. Call 631-726-3354.

Whether you play or know someone that does, the **Piano Barn** is worth checking out. The founder and owner Mike Scainetti has been working around pianos full time since the 1970s. Piano Barn has new and used pianos for sale or rent and also offers tuning and repair, and professional advice. Stop by at 555 Montauk Highway. Call 631-726-4640 or visit pianobarn.com.

Don't leave town without a peek in **Sara Nightingale Gallery**. Nightingale shows the work of contemporary artists—many of whom are local—and collaborates with curators and programs (such as the Watermill Center). The gallery is located at 688 Montauk Highway. Visit saranightingale.com for upcoming shows and details.

Definitely don't leave town without **Suki Zuki**! The Japanese restaurant is perfect for any occasion—a quick bite after work or a special date—and the food is amazing. Suki Zuki is located at 688 Montauk Highway. Call 631-726-4600.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 20

FIX THE FOOD! A DISCUSSION WITH PEGGY KRAUS
5 p.m. Learn to fix the food you eat so you can reach your weight loss goals. Hampton Library, 2478 Main Street, Bridgehampton. *631-537-0015 hamptonlibrary.org*

"BEAUTIFUL TREE, SEVERED ROOTS"
7 p.m. Documentary about filmmaker Kenny Mann's family history as Jewish refugees in Kenya in 1942. $10 at the door, cash only. Bay Street Theatre, 1 Bay Street, Sag Harbor. *646-479-5884 rafikiproductions.com*

"THE FOREIGNER" AT HAMPTON THEATRE COMPANY
7 p.m. Through 3/30. Classic comedy by Larry Shue. $25 adults/$23 seniors (except Saturday), $10 students under 21. Quogue Community Hall, 125 Jessup Avenue, Quogue. *631-653-8955 hamptontheatre.org*

STEVE FREDERICKS AT MUSE IN THE HARBOR
7–10 p.m. No cover. 16 Main Street, Sag Harbor. *631-899-4810 museintheharbor.com*

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

HAPPY HOUR AT SOUTHAMPTON PUBLICK HOUSE
4 p.m.–midnight. Party all night with DJ Dory at 10 p.m. 40 Bowden Square, Southampton. *631-283-2800 publick.com*

CANDLELIGHT FRIDAYS AT WÖLFFER ESTATE VINEYARD
5 p.m. Wines are served by the glass or bottle and cheese and charcuterie plates are available for purchase. There is no cover charge or reservations necessary. 139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack. *631-537-5106 wolffer.com*

"ELAINE STRITCH: SHOOT ME"
7:30 p.m. $15/$9/$5. Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach. *631-288-1500 whbpac.org*

KARAOKE AT M.J. DOWLING'S STEAK HOUSE
10:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m., Friday night karaoke. MJ Dowling's, 3360 Noyak Rd., Sag Harbor. *631-725-4444*

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

LOAVES AND FISHES COOKSHOP MARCH BOUNTY CLASS
5–8 p.m. Tagliatelle with spring vegetables and truffle zabaglione, roasted rack of lamb with herb and lemon jus and rhubarb and lemon tartlets. $165 per person. Bridgehampton Inn, 2266 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. *631-537-3660 loavesandfishescookshop.com*

NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE SCREENING: "CORIOLANUS"
7 p.m. Screening of Donmar Warehouse's production of Shakespeare's classic tragedy, starring Tom Hiddleston *(Thor/The Avengers)*. Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. $18/$16 members. *631-324-0806 guildhall.org*

SATURDAYS AT SOUTHAMPTON PUBLICK HOUSE
10 p.m., DJ Brian Evans spins Hamptons classics every Saturday in the taproom. 40 Bowden Square, Southampton. *631-283-2800 publick.com*

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

WOLF SWAMP RAMBLE
10 a.m. Moderately paced 3-mile hike with views of Big Fish Pond. Meet at the Elliston Park entrance on Millstone Brook Road, Southampton. Southampton Trails Preservation Society. *631-283-5376*

DR. GEORGE DEMPSEY ON TICK-BORNE DISEASES
11 a.m. Lecture on detection, prevention and treatment for tick-borne diseases. Coffee and refreshments provided by The Golden Pear. Free; $10 donation appreciated. Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. $18/$16 members. *631-324-0806 guildhall.org*

PICK OF THE WEEK
SUNDAY, MARCH 23 11:30 a.m.
Montauk St. Paddy's Day Parade
(See page 36)

MONDAY, MARCH 24

AUDITIONS FOR "GOD OF CARNAGE"
6 p.m. Casting the roles of Michael and Veronica Novak. No appointment necessary. Hampton Theatre Co., Quogue Community Hall, 125 Jessup Lane, Quogue. *917-532-4440*

FINANCE YOUR FUTURE: LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE
7 p.m. East End financial expert Peter M. Feder leads a seminar on long term care insurance. Hampton Library, 2478 Main Street, Bridgehampton. *631-537-0015 hamptonlibrary.org*

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

MELODIES & MEMORIES: THE SENIOR FOLLIES
9:30 a.m.–noon. Tuesdays and Thursdays through 5/29. First session of the nationally recognized educational theatre program for seniors 65 and up. Final performance: 6/1. $80 for program. Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach. *631-288-2350 whbpac.org*

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KIDS' CALENDAR

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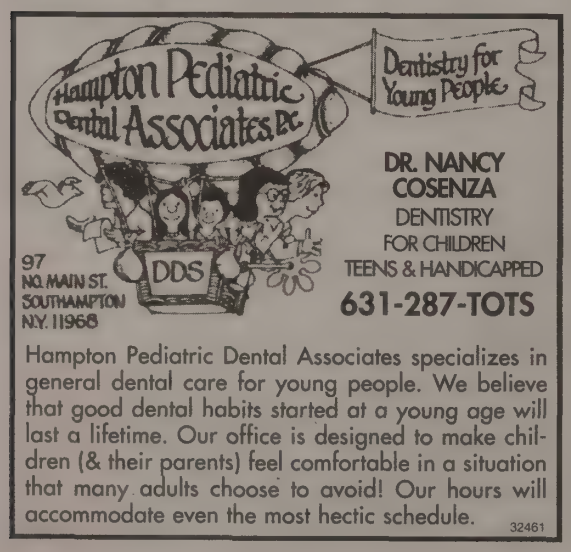
THURSDAY, MARCH 20

MORNING STORYTIME AT THE QUOGUE LIBRARY
11 a.m. For little ones 1–3 years old. Special stories with Miss Pat. Register by phone. Quogue Library, 90 Quogue Street, Quogue. *631-653-4224 ext. 4 quoguelibrary.org*

LEGO MANIA
3:30–4:30 p.m. Create anything you like with Legos at the library! This is a great chance for parents to relax and socialize, too. Hampton Library, 2478 Main Street, Bridgehampton. *631-537-0015 hamptonlibrary.org*



LEGOS AND GAMES
4–5 p.m. For Kids K-up! Build with Legos; play board games and hopscotch; Hula Hoop; Rubber band jump-rope and more. Also seeking 6th graders to be play-partners and earn community service hours. Amagansett Free Library, 215 Main Street, Amagansett. *631-267-3810 amaglibrary.org*

PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM
6–7 p.m. Children ages 6–14 develop skills needed to build friendships and interact with peers in a fun and educational session facilitated by licensed special education teachers and social workers. Concurrent parents support group included. $25 per session. Family Service League, 40 Main St., Westhampton Beach. *631-288-1954 fsl-li.org*

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL
10 a.m. Fridays. Amagansett Free Library, 215 Main Street, Amagansett. Parents/caregivers with toddlers 10–36 months olds are invited to join us for an hour of interactive play. *631-267-3810 amaglibrary.org*

3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
7 p.m. Open to all students grades 6–12. Preregister for $15 by 3/20, $30 per team at door. Fee includes team admission, prizes and refreshments. Free admission for non-players. $2 round-trip transportation available. Southampton Town Recreation Center, 1370A Majors Path, Southampton. *631-702-2432 southamptontownny.gov/youthbureau*

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

SATURDAY STORY TIME
10 a.m. Join Amy for a Saturday morning full of fun. Enjoy great stories and an art activity. For children of all ages. Hampton Library, 2478 Main Street, Bridgehampton. *631-537-0015 hamptonlibrary.org*

PLAY DOUGH TIME
10:30–11:15 a.m. There's play dough for everyone to roll with rolling pins, cut with cookie cutters and mash with machines. For ages 3–9, no registration required. John Jermain Library. 34 West Water Street, Sag Harbor. *631-725-0049 johnjermain.org*

MINECRAFT CAMP: IPAD VERSION AT JOHN JERMAIN
10:30 a.m.–noon. Create a *Minecraft* world in a bully-free zone. Library has 6 iPads; bring your own with the app recommended. 6 and up. Registration required. John Jermain Memorial Library, 34 West Water Street, Sag Harbor. *631-725-0049*

YOGA FOR CHILDREN
12:30–1:30 p.m. Every Saturday at Amy's Ark Studio and Farm. Children ages 5–9. $8. Amy's Ark Studio and Farm, 10 Hollow Lane, Westhampton. *631-902-3655*

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

SUNDAY STORY TIME
1:30 p.m. East Hampton Library, 159 Main Street, East Hampton. Open up your child's mind with stories from our picture book collections. Ages 3–plus. *631-324-0222 easthamptonlibrary.com*

TEA WITH T
2:30 p.m. For children 4 and up. Enjoy tea and stories with T. Hampton Library, 2478 Main Street, Bridgehampton. *631-537-0015 hamptonlibrary.org*

SUNDAY GAMES
3:30–4:30 p.m. Sundays. Get away from TV screens and challenge your friends or family to a friendly board game competition. The library will provide a variety of games including Chutes & Ladders, Candyland, Apples to Apples and others. Ages 3–9. John Jermain Library. 34 West Water Street, Sag Harbor. *631-725-0049 johnjermain.org*

MONDAY, MARCH 24

TOT ART AT GOAT ON A BOAT PUPPET THEATRE
10:45–11:15 a.m. An hour of crafty fun for kids ages 2–4 and their grown-ups. $25. Goat on a Boat Puppet Theatre, 4 Hampton Street, Sag Harbor. *631-725-4193 goatonaboat.org*

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SIMPLE ART
See what's cooking now.

FOOD & DINING

SIDE DISH
Where to save while dining out.

Room with a View: Dinner at Gurney's Inn

BY KELLY LAFFEY

They say it takes an intrepid soul to journey out to Montauk in the offseason. But in reality, it just takes someone who's in the mood for fresh seafood, and—especially before the summer crowds arrive—a good deal.

I journeyed to Gurney's Sea Grille on a particularly chilly night. Though visions of lobsters had been dancing in my head since Tumbleweed Tuesday, I was sidetracked from ordering food by the wine selection that greets you when you first open the menu. Like most restaurants on the East End, Gurney's has a local selection. But separating the Sea Grille from the pack is the volume of offerings—Lieb Cellars, Wölffer Estate, Castello di Borghese and Martha Clara are among the Long Island bottles that grace the menu, in addition to California and international wines.

My glass of Lieb Pinot Blanc secured, I turned to the dinner menu. Like the wine list, the Sea Grille's food menu is extensive, with multiple options from the land and sea, including vegan, vegetarian and macrobiotic offerings. Gurney's also offers a daily prix fixe—three courses for $28.95.

The highly anticipated lobster roll caught my eye, the final item listed under starters. The housemade lobster salad wasn't overly mayonnaise-y, and was nicely complemented by the overly buttered toasted roll; "overly buttered" is a compliment, as females too often deny themselves the creamy indulgence. Clearly, Gurney's knows what they're doing. Give yourself permission to enjoy.

Though my mom was tempted by Gurney's Famous Crab Cakes as an app—we'll have to come back to find out what really makes them famous—she decided to sample the tuna carpaccio. Seared Ahi tuna is served on a wonton crisp with an edamame purée. The chip was the perfect vehicle on which to indulge in the Asian-inspired plate.

For an entrée, we both ordered from Gurney's New Favorites section. (Gurney's Old Favorites include filet mignon and a divine-sounding scungilli and calamari fra diavolo.)

I was in the mood for something lighter after eating an entire lobster roll—though it's the perfect snack, if you stop into Gurney's for a drink and an ocean view—I went with the Cajun shrimp Caesar salad. Four tender jumbo shrimp were grilled and dusted with Cajun spices, served atop a Caesar salad. The dish was the perfect complement to the lobster roll, lighter with just the right amount of kick. And, Gurney's does not skimp on the Parmesan.

My mom went with the pan-seared, local dayboat sea scallops, which are served on a bed of seaweed salad and topped with red pepper coulis and caviar. She noted that the scallops were exactly as they were billed—fresh, fresh, fresh—and, if only she could sample them outside with an ocean view once the weather turns…

Though we were stuffed, dessert was too tempting to pass up. We each grabbed a cup of coffee, enjoying it with a medley of pastries. Coffee is served by the pot, giving us the energy to get into the car and embark on the trek home.

K. Laffey

Cajun Shrimp Caesar Salad at Gurney's Sea Grille in Montauk

Gurney's will host a number of festivities over the parade weekend. The Grand Marshal Luncheon, honoring the 52nd Annual Montauk St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal, Gurney's GM and CEO Paul Monte, will be held on March 21 from noon until 3 p.m. Tickets are $50, and reservations are suggested. Gurney's will also host a Gala Cocktail Party on March 22 from 4–8 p.m. Tickets are $60 in advance and $75 at the door. Those who wish to stay overnight can inquire about the $350 two-night special, which includes ocean-view accommodations and use of the seawater spa facilities.

The Sea Grille at Gurney's Inn Resort, Spa & Conference Center, 290 Old Montauk Highway, Montauk. 631-668-2345, gurneysinn.com

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Make Dinner, Dessert Like an Iron Chef

BY SILVIA LEHRER

Celebrity chef Alex Guarnaschelli, a force in the kitchen as an *Iron Chef*, with appearances as a judge on the Food Network competition program *Chopped* (one of my favorites) hosted a "Trade Talk" event at the South Beach Wine and Food Festival (SOBE) last month. This disciplined, determined and talented young woman grew up with parents of Italian heritage. Her mother, Maria, cooked her way through the cookbooks she edited; yet Guarnaschelli didn't know what she wanted to do until she graduated college. The epiphany happened when she found cooking—a project she could believe in and something she was passionate about. Guarnaschelli expanded on her culinary journey in New York City, Los Angeles and France working in some of the top restaurants, such as Guy Savoy, an eponymous three-star kitchen.

At the SOBE Wine and Food Festival, Guarnaschelli gave a fast-paced cooking demonstration under a Kitchen Aid-sponsored tent set up on the gorgeous white sand beach. Guarnaschelli kept the audience engaged with humorous quips from her repeated request for questions. This made for a very lively and informative program, where she demonstrated a homey dish of braised chicken with tomatoes, and Bananas Foster, as offered below.

BRAISED CHICKEN WITH TOMATOES
Serves 6 to 8

4 tablespoons canola oil
6 chicken thighs
6 chicken legs
Kosher salt
1 teaspoon whole cumin seeds
2 teaspoons chili flakes
1 large white onion, peeled, halved and thinly sliced
1 large ginger knob, peeled and grated
6 garlic cloves, peeled and halved lengthwise
1 (28-ounce) can whole, peeled tomatoes
2 cinnamon sticks
4 fresh or dried bay leaves
Water, as needed

1. Heat the canola oil in a large skillet over high heat. Arrange the chicken thighs and legs on a tray in a single layer and season them with salt, to taste. Turn the pieces on their other side and season again. When the oil begins to smoke lightly, carefully add the chicken to the oil. Do not overcrowd the pan. Resist the temptation to move or turn the pieces. Allow them to brown on their first side, about 3 to 5 minutes. Use metal tongs to turn the chicken pieces to sear their second side, about 3 to 5 minutes. Transfer the chicken to a tray and set it aside.

2. In the same skillet, add the cumin seeds and chili flakes, stirring rapidly to give them a quick toast, about 10 to 15 seconds. Add the onions, ginger and garlic and stir to combine. Season the ingredients with salt, to taste, then add the tomatoes, cinnamon, and bay leaves. Allow the mixture to cook and all the flavors to come together, about 10 minutes. Add the chicken back to the pan, keep the heat low and continue cooking until the chicken is cooked through, 30 to 45 minutes. (Chef's note: If the sauce becomes overly thick or begins to stick to the bottom of the skillet, feel free to add some water, about 1/2 cup at a time.)

3. When the chicken is cooked through, remove and discard the cinnamon sticks and bay leaves. Taste for seasoning and transfer to a serving bowl. Serve alongside braised cabbage, if desired.

ALEX GUARNASCHELLI'S BANANAS FOSTER
Serves 4

3 1/2 tablespoons dark rum
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 cup dark brown sugar
1 tablespoon molasses
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
4 firm bananas, peeled, sliced lengthwise and crosswise
Pinch kosher salt
1/2 pint vanilla bean ice cream

1. In a small saucepan, combine the rum, vanilla extract, brown sugar, molasses and cinnamon. Bring the mixture to a simmer and stir to dissolve the brown sugar. Shut off the heat and keep warm on the stove.

2. Heat a cast iron skillet over medium heat. When the skillet feels pretty hot, add the butter and allow it to brown slightly. Toss in the bananas and arrange them, with a wooden spoon, in a single layer in the pan. Sprinkle with a tiny pinch of salt and cook for about 30 seconds to 1 minute. Turn them on their second side and cook for an additional 30 seconds. Pour in the rum mixture and stir to coat. Serve immediately with vanilla ice cream.

Guarnaschelli is executive chef of Butter in NYC. She is the author of Old School Comfort Food: The Way I Learned to Cook (Clarkson Potter, 2013).

"Price-y Fixe-y," Anyone?

BY AJI JONES

HAMPTON'S RESTAURANT WEEK IS MARCH 23-30
See listings at hamptonsrestaurantweek.com

MANUCCI'S RESTAURANT & BAR in Montauk serves dinner daily from 5 to 10 p.m., and also serves breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sundays. Appetizers include baked clams; sautéed calamari; eggplant rollatini; and cold antipasto for two. Entrées feature chicken breast alla francese; tilefish pomodoro; zuppa di pesce; roast half duck; and filet mignon. Desserts include New York cheesecake; tiramisu; and tartufo. *631-668-4455. manuccis.com.*

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Restaurant Review: Il Capuccino Ristorante

BY DAN KOONTZ

Il Capuccino is a Sag Harbor landmark. It opened in 1972, and is still serving the delicious, homey Italian food that made it famous. The restaurant, which locals call "Il Cap" or just "Caps," brims with hospitality. Its dining room, welcoming with hanging Chianti bottles and owner Jack Tagliasacchi's paintings of Italian scenery, has the cozy, unpretentious air of a place that knows its business and doesn't need to show off. I like to think that it harkens back to an earlier, less gilded incarnation of Sag Harbor.

This is not to say that Il Cap doesn't keep up with the times. In the last couple of years, as the problems associated with wheat gluten have become better-known, the restaurant has been ahead of the curve in making gluten-free pasta and other menu items available to customers. Of course, this is only consistent with the theme of hospitality: after all, just because somebody's got a problem with gluten doesn't mean they should be excluded from the party. On the other hand, there's not as yet a gluten-free version of Il Cap's famous garlic rolls—and it's hard to imagine there ever being one.

A special treat, however, is the homemade cheese-stuffed tortelloni served with a creamy sauce flavored with roasted pistachios.

Ahh, the garlic rolls. Crusty, chewy, oily, garlicky proofs of the wonders of wheat gluten. At Il Cap, they arrive unbidden at your table and disappear quickly. After a recent visit, one in our party confessed to having eaten four of them. To help wash them down, some of us ordered up the very nice house Prosecco, while I did my customary inspection of the bar's martini-making skills—all is in order, I'm happy to report.

Next up, we chose a sampling of appetizers and salads from both the regular and specials menus. Some of the specials are on a weekly rotation, while others are seasonal—which is all by way of saying that they might not be on the menu when you go, but be on the lookout for them. The special salad of beets and goat cheese, now pretty much a winter staple at East End restaurants, was everything it should be—beets tender and sweet, and the goat cheese especially creamy. A special plate of mussels with dill met with high approval, as did my fresh spinach salad topped with garden mushrooms and a warm bacon dressing. Also nice was the arugula, endive and radicchio salad, which came with more of that luscious goat cheese.

Naturally, when you go to Il Cap you're bound to eat some pasta—in fact, some of the entrées come with a side order of pasta topped with the restaurant's heralded marinara sauce. A special treat, however, is the homemade cheese-stuffed tortelloni served with a creamy sauce flavored with roasted pistachios. It's a rich delight for the pistachio lovers out there, and highly recommended. Also look for the special pasta entrée of spinach pappardelle, which came topped with five delicious, juicy jumbo shrimp that were done to perfection.

In what's becoming somewhat rare, Il Cap has a fairly extensive range of veal dishes, ranging from the tried-and-true veal parmigiana to the classic saltimbocca alla Romana, thinly sliced veal cutlets topped with prosciutto, breaded and sautéed and then simmered in a white wine-sage reduction. Il Cap's rendition, served with tender spinach, was just the thing for the veal-lover in our midst. A grilled swordfish steak was very nicely turned out, although I question the appropriateness of the horseradish accompaniment—it seemed like it was intended for a fish with a stronger flavor of its own.

Stacy Dermont

Save room for dessert.

Desserts, which are all made in house, include your Italian standards: tiramisu, cannoli, cheesecake. There's also a special chocolate lava cake, which is served warm. We went with a cannoli and the tiramisu, which had all the creamy naughtiness we could have asked for.

In addition to dinner seven nights a week, Il Capuccino has a Sunday brunch starting at noon, with a lunch menu on offer from noon until 3 p.m. The brunch is famous for the so-called "bottomless" mimosas and bloody marys. And new at Il Cap: Friday is Martini Night, offering $6 martinis 5 – 7 p.m.

Il Capuccino Ristorante, 30 Madison Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-2747, ilcaps.com

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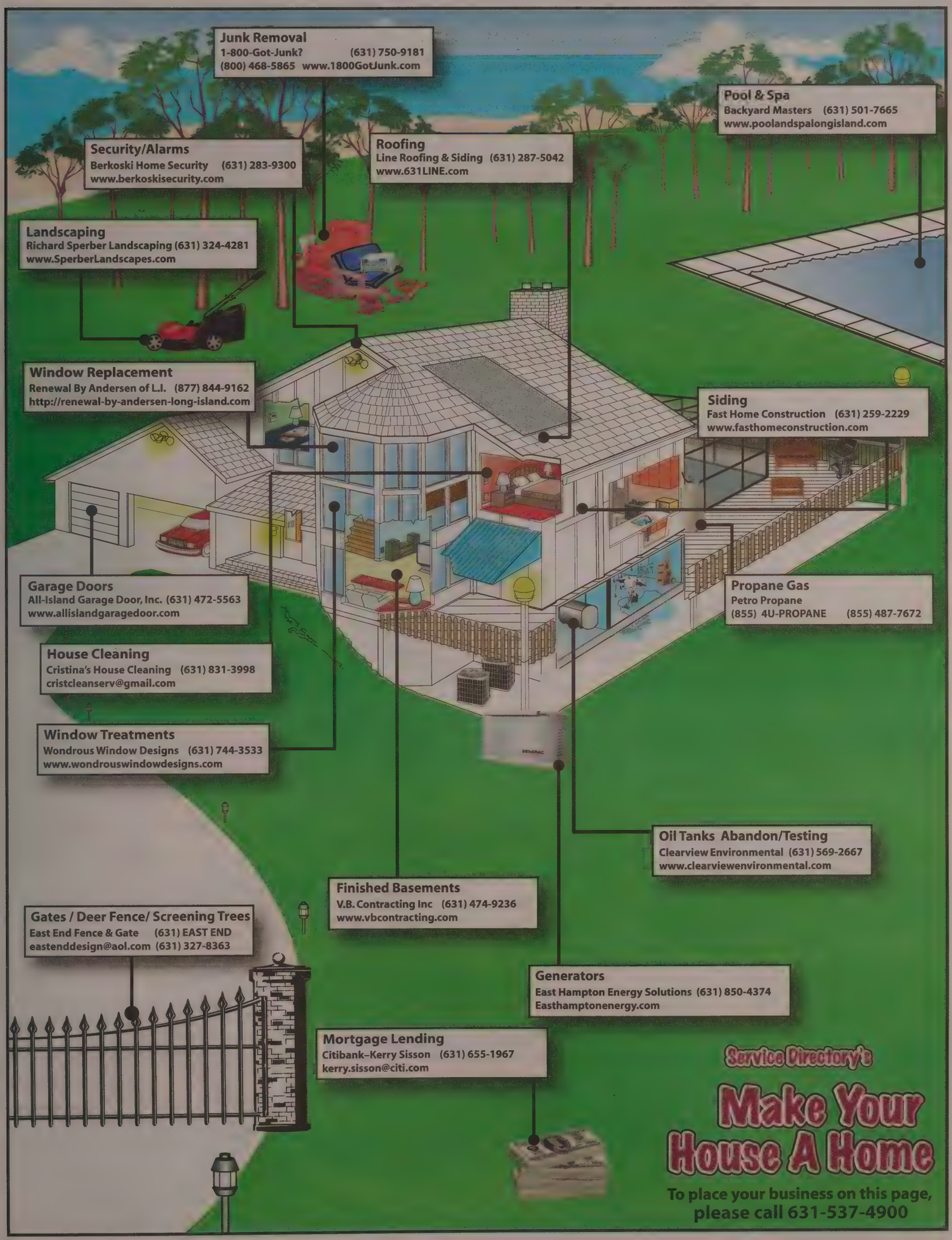
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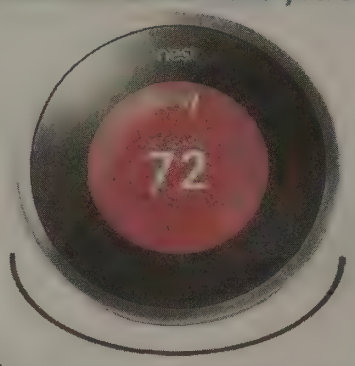

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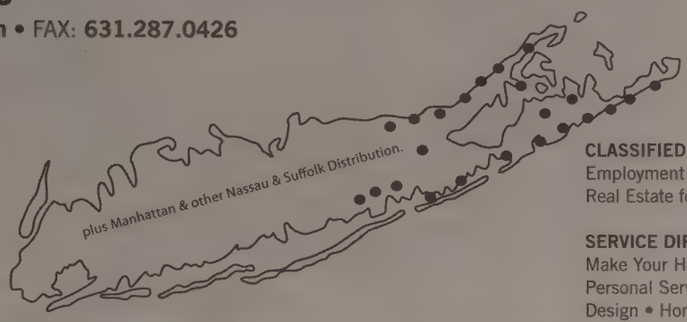

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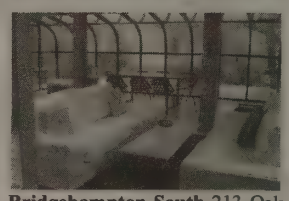

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What advice would you give homeowners who would like to rent their home for the summer season but are concerned about "wear and tear" on their property?

"There's always some form of 'wear and tear.' The question is how much? I think it's important to vet the prospective renter. If you feel comfortable with the tenant, many issues can be resolved. For example, I recall a rental where the tenant's dog tore up part of the lawn. Besides the tenant paying extra security for the dog, he had a landscaper put sod down that, if he hadn't said anything, you wouldn't have known there was any damage. That was definitely a case of a good tenant.

Make sure you procure a town rental permit. In the event there's a problem the homeowner has a legal foot to stand on."—*John Christopher, Brown Harris Stevens of the Hamptons, LLC.*

"First you need to de-clutter your home—put away the majority of personal things, even while showing, so the potential rentee doesn't feel overwhelmed looking at your stuff. The house should be ready to be shown on short notice, should always feel clean, neat and organized. Some homeowners and renters like to get slipcovers for their furniture."—*Lynn November, Douglas Eliman Real Estate.*

"First, remove your Rembrandts and pack away your precious Fabergés—if it's highly valuable, either physically or sentimentally, and you will worry about it all summer, take it out of the home! Buy linen sofa and chair covers—available very affordably to protect furnishings. If you have pristine floors, you can request that tenants don't wear shoes/heels inside the home. For high-end homes, request tenants take out renters insurance for additional coverage and peace of mind."—*Maz Crotty, Nest Seekers International.*

"Require an appropriate amount of money for the security deposit to cover your risk of damage to the property (proportional to the home value), place that deposit in a separate account that's not commingled with your personal monies, notice the tenant of the name and address of the account and amount of such deposit (pursuant to the notice provision of the lease), as required by the General Obligation Law (GOL) of the State at section 7-103, or plan to give the money back to the tenant regardless of the 'wear and tear' on your property. Yes, failure to comply with GOL 7-103 has been consistently held by the courts to require the return of the deposit regardless of the existence of extensive damage to the property.

Most security deposits do not cover 'wear and tear' by way of a standard form lease and instead security deposits typically cover damage outside of ordinary 'wear and tear.' So, it's incumbent on the homeowner to have a lease drafted that expressly states what's covered by the security deposit in terms of damage, including certain express aspects of wear and tear (i.e. stains to the carpet). It might be a good idea for the lease to require the tenant to pay for the landlord's cleaning service provider to regularly maintain the property throughout the term of the lease to mitigate wear and tear and damage (this also lets the landlord have eyes on the property to get feedback on how the tenant is treating their property). Consequently, a landlord can protect their property, but only through having a properly drafted lease that governs the rental and thereafter only by managing the property precisely according the rules set forth in the lease."—*Andrew Lieb, Esq., MPH, Lieb at Law, P.C.*

"If you want to rent your home, I suggest you take at least 10% security deposit against damage. If you are going to allow pets, then 20% security is often requested. Make sure you have the following clauses: no smoking, no parties over 50 persons and no tents. The most important item I find is references from local homeowners they have previously rented from. The past is always the best way to predict the future."—*Alan Schnurman, Saunders & Associates.*

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SAGAPONACK
Barbara & John Harty to Marc Winston
39 Seascape Lane, **$3,990,000**

SOUTHAMPTON
Gail & James Citrin to Keri & Patrick McGinness
120 Middle Pond Road, **$4,350,000**

WATER MILL
Amy J. Hsu to Robert & Rosalind Woolcott
56 Mecox Lane, **$2,100,000**

★★★ BIG DEAL OF THE WEEK: AMAGANSETT ★★★

Estate of Phyllis Millstein to Anastasia & George Gavalas, 43 Marine Blvd, **$7,001,000**

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AMAGANSETT
Udell M. Cullum to JKDD LLC
181 Montauk Highway, **$750,000**

BRIDGEHAMPTON
Henry & Patricia DeCillia to Tamara Eden
49 Woodruff Lane, **$825,000**

EAST HAMPTON
Julian & Suzanne Flannery to Angelo & Colleen DiRosa, 2 Country Lane, **$775,000**

MATTITUCK
Elizabeth & Jeffrey Doubrava to Frederick & Jennifer Walling, 495 Farmveu Road, **$510,000**

MONTAUK
Estate of Elaine Lyons to Jessica Friedman
24 South Fairview Avenue, **$585,000**

NORTH HAVEN
Cay Maria Adams to Michael Walsh
30 Bayberry Lane, **$555,000**

SAG HARBOR
Betteanne & Charles Slackman to Gregory & Hayley Thorpe, 188 Suffolk Street, **$725,000**

SAGAPONACK
Margaret Jane Bigelow to Margaret Pastuszko
635 Narrow Lane, **$910,000**

SOUTHAMPTON
Gary Simmons to Christine M. Sandler
21 Harris Lane, **$820,000**

WATER MILL
Pender Properties LLC to Francis DiSpigna
50 Bob White Drive, **$962,000**

WESTHAMPTON BEACH
John E. Gaines to Allison Kovacevich, 279 Dune Road Unit 18, **$670,000**

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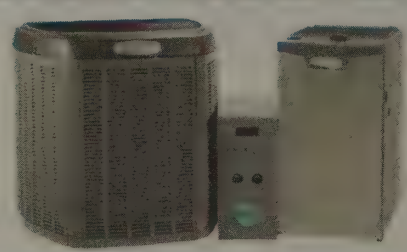

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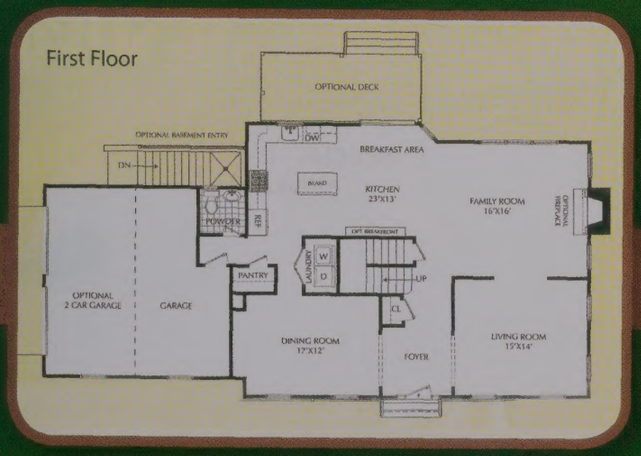

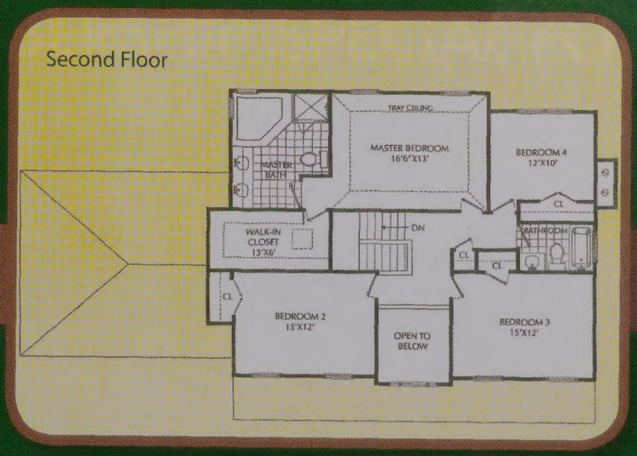

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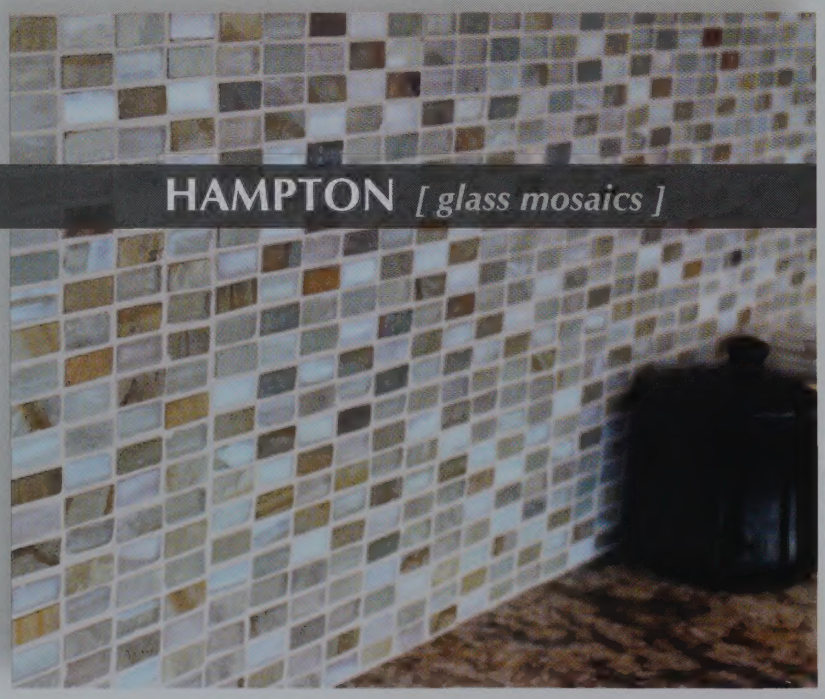

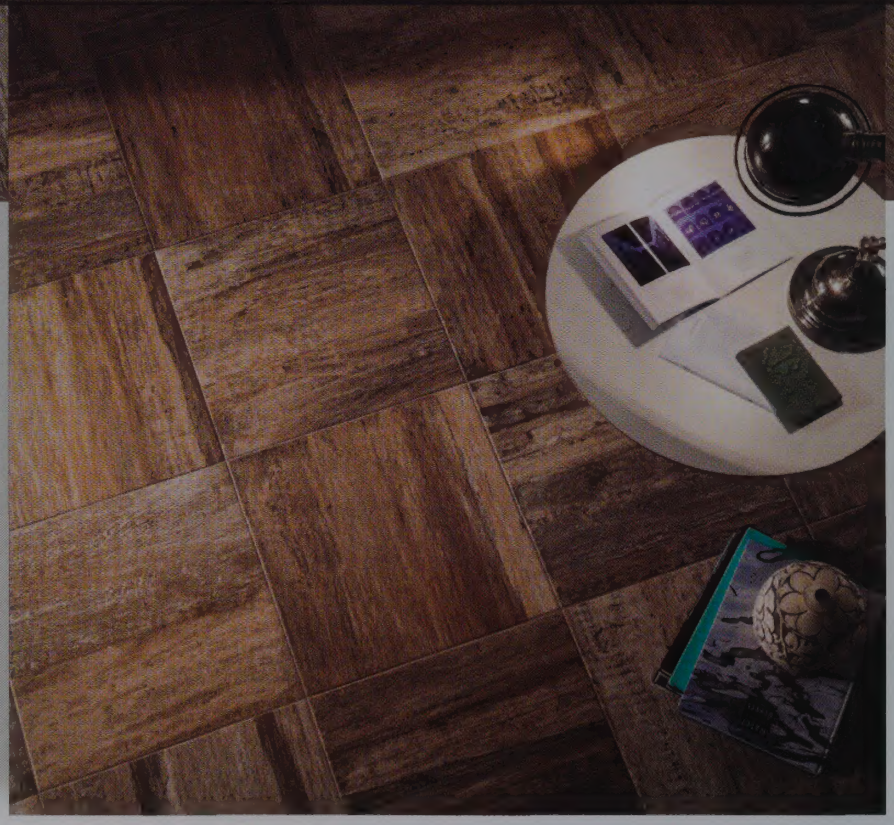

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ELEGANT VILLAGE HOME | $5,975,000
French-style home sited on landscaped property featuring a pool and pool house. Living room with fireplace; den with bath and kitchenette; formal dining room; eat-in kitchen; 4 bedrooms, 6 baths and a powder room. 2 fireplaces, 6-zone central air/heat, second-floor media room, two-car garage and large bluestone terraces with balustrades. Close to ocean beaches and Main Street. web #34476
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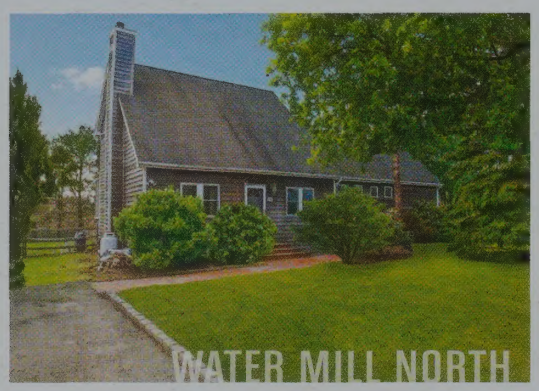

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This 5-bedroom, 3-bath home sits on a 0.52 acre property in a quiet neighborhood surrounded by multi-million dollar homes and farmlands. The home boasts an open and airy living room with high ceiling with beams and skylights, a wood burning stove fireplace and sliding doors that lead to a patio and pool. web #72375
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Vaulted ceiling living room with fireplace, first floor master suite, large kitchen all flow and transition to al fresco dining and private, extensively landscaped near acre property, designed by Barry Block, complemented by heated pool and hot tub. Loft space, master suite and two additional bedrooms upstairs. web # 71786
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SPACIOUS POST MODERN LARGE OUTDOOR AREA | $2,200,000
5 bedroom spacious summer home with plenty of entertaining space. Heated pool can be fenced off for security, leaving large area of lawn for sun and fun. Eat in country kitchen, dining room attached to living room, den and master bedroom are located on lower level, 4 bedrooms and a loft with sleep sofa are upstairs. web #72279
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